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CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for the exclusive use of the Members and Constituents of the

CENTRAL OFFICE, 79 Fourth Ave., February 15th, 1884

The Society's Work During January, 1884,

been characterized by great activity and pressure. Members, Co-operating Societies, and Churches, show a daily increasing appreciation of the value of the Society's stigmations, and of the stores of information accumulated in the Registration Bureau. Some details for the month are as follows:—

CENTRAL OFFICE.

Number of Reports received.....2,941
Being a daily average of.....113
Of these were new cases.....2,257
Number of Reports sent out.....997
Special investigations made.....147

The work of the Out-door Agent to suppress street begging has been temporarily suspended, but it is hoped, will resume in March. The last full month's report showed 147 beggars dealt with, of whom 13 refused to give address, 44 gave false addresses, and only 14 had any claims to relief. 24 were arrested.

The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....1,240	Procured relief for.....220
Directed to the proper authorities.....664	Aided by loans.....8
Charity.....17	Secured work for.....86
False addresses.....17	Made self-supporting.....36
Worthy continuous relief.....18	Emigrated.....3
Temporary ".....144	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....30
Feeding work instead of relief.....326	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c.....152
Unworthy of relief.....81	Friendly Visitors on duty.....124
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c.....23	

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or with this Society before contributing funds in aid of the

Medical Aid and Relief Society;	Widows' & Orph. Relief Assn.
Juvenile Guardian Soc.	Hibernian Union Club.
Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home.	Manhattan Benevolent Assn.
Arm Charity Union.	Hudson " "
Stephen's Guild.	Irish-American " "
Home Household Aid Assn.	Penal Reform Aid.
	Free Dispensary of N. Y.
	Society of Holy Innocents.

any other Relief Society not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies. They are also advised to consult the Society's records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals.

Important information can be given about the following Letter Writers and other Professionals who are active at the present time:

Ida Smith, alias Mary Ann Williams, alias Ann Myers, alias Harris.	Frederick Niemeyer.
Lee Kiely Kirby.	Hezekiah Goodrich.
Ida Borrebach.	Wm. Burnton, alias Barton.
Billings.	Sarah Holdsworth.
Harding.	Emma Long.
Adley.	Eliza Clelland.
Wm. H. Boyce.	Charlotte Gibbs Nichols.
	Alice Powers.
	Ann Johnstone.

Contributions to the Society in January, 1884.

Bailey, Latimer.....\$10 00	Jones, Mrs. Leroy....
Baker, George F.....50 00	Kane, Mrs. DeLancey.
Barlow, Mrs. F. C.....25 00	Kane, Mrs. John J....
Barnes, Mrs. J. H.....5 00	Kellogg, A. N.....
Barron, John C.....50 00	Kennedy, John P....
Beach, Miss Helen.....10 00	Kerner, Charles H.
Bernheimer, Mrs. Isaac...10 00	Knower, John.....
Betts, Frederick H.....25 00	"Lady, A" (through Murphy).....
Billings, C.....10 00	Lake, George G.....
Bishop, Master Court'dt F.100 00	Lanier, Mrs. Charles.
Bogert, E. C.....10 00	Lewis, Bros. & Co....
Bond, William.....5 00	Litauer, Mrs. N.....
Brown, James M.....25 00	Meigs, Mrs. T. B....
Brown, M. Bayard.....100 00	Meyer, Christopher...
Brush, Mrs. Maria H.....10 00	Morgan, Mrs. J. Pierp
Carryl, Charles E.....5 00	McGuinnis, Mrs. E. W.
Cash.....5 00	McMullen, Thomas...
Cash: "C. D.".....19 00	Oakes, Georgie.....
Cash: "J. J. L.".....10 00	Oatman, Walter G....
Cash: "J. M.".....5 00	Ogden, Joseph.....
Chase, E. E.....10 00	Ogden, Mrs. M. D....
Choate, Joseph H.....25 00	Parrish, James C....
Clift, Smith.....10 00	Perry, W. A.....
Coghill, J. H.....10 00	Pinchot, James W....
Colgate, Mrs. C. C.....10 00	Pomeroy, C. C.....
Conkling, Miss H.....5 00	Reckendorfer, Mrs. J.
Cooper, Est. of Wm. (thru Geo. C. Cooper).....50 00	Reynal, Mrs. Jules...
Davies, Julien T.....10 00	"R. C. R.".....
Dehon, Miss.....5 00	Roosevelt, J. Roosevelt
DeLafield, Dr. Francis....10 00	Sands, Miss Katharine
DeRham, Charles.....10 00	Schalk, Mrs. A.....
Devoc, F. W.....50 00	Schumacker, C.....
Dickerson, Edward N.....100 00	Schwab, Mrs. Gustav.
Dillon, Sidney.....100 00	Seguin, Dr. E. C.....
Dodge, W. Earl.....10 00	Seligman, Mrs. David
Dows, Mrs. David.....25 00	Seligman, Mrs. Joseph
Drayton, J. Coleman.....10 00	Sieker, Rev. J. H....
Elkins, S. B.....100 00	Slawson, John B....
Ely, R. S.....10 00	Smith, Alfred H....
Emmons, F. S.....5 00	Spackman, Wm. H....
Fiske, Josiah M.....10 00	Stewart, Wm. Rhinecl
French, Mrs. S. B.....5 00	Sturges, Henry C. ...
Gillespie, L. C.....5 00	Stuyvesant, Ruthertu
Guidet, Charles.....10 00	Talmadge, Mrs. Henry
Hall, J. H.....5 00	Tiffany, Rev. Dr. C. C
Halsey, Mrs. Frederick R...25 00	Titus, Mrs. Elisa.....
Haven, Mrs. G. G.....10 00	Townsend, R. H. L...
Hawk and Wetherbee.....10 00	Townsend, Wm. H....
Hays, Jacob.....10 00	Tows, Francis H.....
Hinrichs, C. F. A.....10 00	Tracy, Charles E....
Howe, Miss Pearl.....5 00	Ward, S. G.....
Howell, Mrs. Frederick H...5 00	Wetmore, George Peal
Jackson, Samuel M.....10 00	Whitney, A. R.....
James, Mrs. Julian.....5 00	Work, J. H.....
Johnson, Mrs. A. J.....5 00	Young, Mrs. C. L....

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Clearing-House or Bureau Registration.

The Department of Public Charities and Correction has organized a Clearing-House or Bureau Registration. Thirty-eight of the leading Relief Societies; Sixteen prominent institutions; and One hundred and thirteen Church Societies now interchange information through it. Over 100 reports of cases asking relief are now on file in it and more than 14,300 houses are registered as occasional or dependent classes.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OF THE

Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

[No. 2.]

S. O. VANDERPOEL, M.D., Pres.
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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., March 15th, 1884.

The Society's Work During February, 1884,

Has shown no diminution during the month. The active operations of the Relief Societies in consequence of the severity of the winter, and their increasing use of the facilities of the Registration Bureau, have both taxed this department to its utmost. A marked improvement is noticed in the fullness and frequency of the reports of many Societies and Churches, and in their appreciation of the need of more thorough investigations. The leading details are:—

CENTRAL OFFICE.

Number of Reports received	2,656
Being a daily average of	111
Of these were new cases and removals	1,888
Number of Reports sent out	681
Special Investigations made	91

A new Out-door officer, charged with the duty of assisting or suppressing Street Beggars, has been selected, and entered upon his duties March 1st. Members troubled with this class are asked to send full particulars to this office. Up to the 1st inst., 401 such cases have been investigated and dealt with, of which 65 were arrested and committed. This is a *dangerous class*, and members are urged to refer them all to the Society.

The District Committees' Report for February,

Cases considered	888	Procured relief for	141
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans	6
Charity	502	Secured work for	98
False addresses	14	Made self-supporting	24
Worthy continuous relief	19	Emigrated	16
temporary	86	Frauds exposed or sup-	
Needing work instead of		pressed	25
relief	205	Investigations for Hos-	
Unworthy of relief	62	pitals, Churches, &c.	103
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		Friendly Visitors on duty	140
lums, &c.	14		

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult the State Board of Charities, or with this Society before contributing funds in aid of the

N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society;
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, & Home for Child'n.
Reform Charity Union.
St. Stephen's Guild.
Tenem't Household Aid Assn.
or any other Relief Society not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to *any* begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Baker, Emma Harriet.	McLean, Rev. Dr. Chas. L.
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida.	Mead, John E. and Mrs.
Boyle, Mary.	Morgan, Mary A.
Crance, Wm. H. and Mary.	Morton, Elizabeth.
Davidson, Charles.	Mullaney, James T. and Eliza.
Douglas Maria	Murphy, Susan or Sarah.
Fleming, Chas. C.	O'Keefe or Keefe, Michael or Mark.
French, Bertha and Mary A.	Parsons, Wm. and Caroline.
Gerner, Alex.	Phillips, Mary
Hoagland, Maria.	Popper, Joseph and Bertha.
Huthuance, Harold.	Reynolds, Mrs
Keefe, Henry and Ann,	Rosenstein, Solomon.
Koerner, Henry.	Snell, Thomas and Hester.
Kerns, Henry and Louisa.	Smith, Rev. W. A., T. (col'd)
Lawlor, Thomas.	Sweezy, Warren and Kate.
Lowenstein, Richard.	Taylor, William.
McCarthy, Peter and Rose.	Tripp, Fred K.
McDermott Letitia.	White, Emory.
McDonald, William.	Wilson, Geo. H. and Jane.

(Please keep all these lists for your future protection.)

Contributions to the Society during February, 1884.

Adams, A. W.	\$ 5 00	Jewett, Mrs. H. J.	\$ 10 00
Anderson, E. Ellery	5 00	Kalbfleisch, Mrs. C. H.	5 00
Angel, Mrs. E. M.	5 00	Kemp, George	50 00
"Anonymous"	10 00	Kendall, Miss S. R.	10 00
Appleton, D. F.	25 00	Kennedy, John S.	50 00
Armstrong, Mrs. H.	5 00	Kilmer, Chauncey	10 00
Arnold, Constable & Co.	100 00	Kitching, John D.	10 00
Bachman, S.	5 00	Lapsley, Mrs. Howard	5 00
Bernhard, B.	5 00	Lauterbach, Mrs. Edward	10 00
Bernheim, Chas. L.	5 00	Lawrence, Cyrus J.	5 00
Bernheimer, Adolph	10 00	Leaycraft, Charles R.	10 00
Biglow, L. H.	10 00	Legg, Mrs. George	5 00
Braker, C. Jr.	10 00	Lesinsky, Charles	5 00
Brewster, Benj.	100 00	Livingston, Edward	10 00
Brown, Egerton	10 00	Livingston Mrs. H. B.	10 00
Brown, George Alexander	10 00	Loomis, Dr. A. L.	10 00
Brown, William Smith	100 00	Lord & Taylor	25 00
Burrill, Mrs. John E.	10 00	Ludington, C. H.	10 00
Cannon, LeGrand B.	10 00	Marie, Peter	10 00
Carey, Mrs. Samuel	5 00	Merrill, Payson	10 00
Chamberlain, J. C.	10 00	Miller, Geo. Macculloch	10 00
Chandler, N.	25 00	Mills, D. O.	100 00
Clafin & Co., H. B.	100 00	Minturn, Mrs. John W.	10 00
Colgate, Bowles	25 00	Moore, W. H. H.	25 00
Constant, Samuel S.	10 00	Morrill, Thomas	5 00
Costello, Mrs. P. C.	5 00	McKim, Robert V.	10 00
Crane, J. J.	5 00	Nathan, H. H.	10 00
Crooks, R. Fleming	10 00	Neftel, Mrs. W. B.	10 00
Crosby, Rev. Howard, D.D.	10 00	Ogden, Mrs. Wm. B.	10 00
Cutting, W. Bayard	250 00	Payne, O. H.	100 00
Davies, William G.	10 00	Penfold, Wm. Hall	100 00
Day, H. M.	10 00	Piza, David M.	10 00
Dean, The Misses	10 00	Potts, Mrs. F. A.	10 00
Denny, John T.	25 00	Rainsford, Mrs. G. S.	25 00
Denny, Mrs. John T.	25 00	Remsen, William	5 00
Dodge, W. E., Jr.	100 00	Riker, John L.	25 00
Donaldson, John J.	10 00	Ripley, Mrs. J. Dwight	5 00
Drummond, James F.	10 00	Robinson, Mrs. Sarah D.	10 00
Drummond, J. Wymau	10 00	Rocketteller, John D.	100 00
Duggin, Mrs. Charles	10 00	Rocketteller, Wm.	100 00
Ely, N. C.	5 00	Roosa, Dr. D. B. St John	5 00
Fahnestock, H. C.	25 00	Rosenblatt, G.	10 00
Fay, Mrs. Sigourney W.	5 00	Sargent, John O.	10 00
Ferguson, Edward	25 00	Schaefer, M.	5 00
Fish, James D.	25 00	Schefer, Mrs. Carl	5 00
Flagler, H. M.	100 00	Schuyler, Louisa Lee	20 00
Fogg, Wm. H.	25 00	Schuyler, Philip	10 00
Fowler, Mrs. A.	5 00	Schwietering, H. H.	10 00
Fraser, Mrs. George S.	10 00	Seligman, Mrs. Jesse	10 00
Glover, John H.	10 00	Shaffer, W. F.	25 00
Goelet, Mrs. Harriette W.	50 00	Sheldon, Frederick	10 00
Goldenberg, Mrs. S.	5 00	Sinclair, John	25 00
Gordon, S. T.	10 00	Society for the Relief of	
Gould, D. H.	5 00	Poor Widows with Small	
Gould, Mrs. E. L.	5 00	Children	25 00
Griswold, J. N. A.	25 00	Stokes, Anson Phelps	250 00
Griswold, Mrs. Chester	5 00	Suydam, D. L.	25 00
Groesbeck, Mrs. D.	25 00	Taylor, Alfred J.	25 00
Harriman, Mrs. E. H.	10 00	Taylor, James D.	5 00
Havemeyer, Hector C.	10 00	Tiffany & Co.	25 00
Hellman, Angelo	5 00	Townsend, R. W.	25 00
Hershfield, Mrs. L. H.	5 00	Tracy, Charles	10 00
Hoe, Robert, Jr.	10 00	Trowbridge, F. K.	25 00
Hoguet, Henry L.	5 00	Turnure, Lawrence	10 00
Hoguet, Mrs. Henry L.	5 00	Twombly, A. B.	25 00
Hofckiss, H. L.	5 00	Vernam A. H.	5 00
Hudson, Mrs. C. T.	10 00	Waterbury, James M.	25 00
Jaffray, Robert	10 00	Wheelock, Dr. W. E.	10 00
James, Mrs. D. Willis	25 00	Williams, F. W.	10 00
Jay, John	25 00	Worcester, Mrs. E. D.	5 00
Jay, William	10 00	Zabriskie, Mrs. S. J.	10 00
Jesup, Morris K.	50 00		

Total, \$3,275 00

The Clearing-House, or Bureau of Registration,

now has 171 Societies and Churches interchanging information through it. 59,770 reports of cases are now on file in the Bureau; and more than 14,600 houses are registered as occupied by vicious or dependent classes.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 72d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

In February it dealt with 36 new cases, of which 1 was placed in hospital, relief was procured for 14, work was secured for 13, 10 were made self-supporting, and 1 fraud was exposed.

25 out-of-work cases need only employment to make their families wholly or nearly self-supporting, viz:—10 laborers; 1 for light work, has weak back; 5 boys for trades; 1 janitor or house-agent; 4 skilled mechanics; 1 band-musician; 3 women want family washing or scrubbing. Will the residents help to give work to these?

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 187. Man (30 years) and wife (25), worthy, industrious, but out of work, and can do no skilled work. Have 2 children, 6 months and 2 years; also a foundling from Foundling Asylum, which wife nurses at \$10 a month, their only income. Temporary work was at once found for man, and a loan made also to them on security. After 17 days effort, found work for man at Grand Central Depot at \$20 per month, until a permanent place becomes vacant, when he will be promoted to \$40. Wife returned loan and family now doing well.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

In February it dealt with 82 cases, of which 1 was placed in an institution; relief was procured for 20, 1 was helped by a loan, work secured for 18, 16 were made self-supporting, 4 frauds exposed.

26 women and 7 men need work, viz:—17 women at washing and day's work, 6 seamstresses, 3 fit only for light work; 3 men, not strong, need light work, 1 painter, 1 grocer's clerk, 1 clothing cutter, 1 laborer; these all are believed to be honest and reliable, though not always skilled.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 49. Middle-aged wife, deserted by husband whose brain had been affected by injuries received during the Rebellion. She has a boy of 11, and a girl of 12. House-work procured for her month after month; but her inefficiency lost her every place and the children were being ruined by the same untutored stupidity. Long search discovered a married and well-to-do sister in another State, who was advised with and fully informed as to matters, and induced to care for the woman and her children in her own home, to which all were promptly emigrated, saving them from pauperism, and transferring the burden from the community to her own kith and kin.

No. 116. An old woman, (77) nearly blind, and an imbecile son, (45). Her church paid her rent, but could do nothing more, as their poor funds were small and the number of poor communicants large. Thus she must eke out the rest of her support by begging, as the church made no effort to supplement the deficiency. It was not an unusual thing for both to go to bed hungry and cold. A friend of this Society was induced to offer to pay a monthly sum indefinitely, sufficient to provide for their wants, on condition that the church would agree to continue the rent an equal time, which was gladly agreed to, and both are now comfortable and permanently provided for, without any further need of begging.

No. 172. A German widow was found very ill of malarial fever, and her daughter of 12 nursing her. No food or fire in house. Her pastor was immediately advised and his co-operation secured, and a physician was at once provided. Both paid every attention, but the woman was beyond recovery or relief. Everything needful was done for nine days, when the woman died. The church consented to bury her, and the child was taken and soon placed in a permanent home to be cared for and trained to a useful employment.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, J. H. EMERSON, M.D., *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. ROBERT H. LIEVESLEY, *Agent*.

In February it cared for 41 cases: 1 being placed in an institution; relief procured for 14, 1 received a loan, and work was found for 10.

10 men need work, viz:—1 laborer, 2 porters, 2 watchmen, 2 painters, 1 moulder, 2 wood-workers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 202. A reduced and aged maiden lady (74) asked for loan, or position as housekeeper, being utterly destitute and without family or relatives. Was cultivated and refined, and always lived in affluence. Was many years at head of one of the most elegant homes of Berkshire Co., Mass. She felt so active and energetic, she could not realize an impossibility to find a place for her on account of her age. After weeks of effort nothing offered but a *Herald* news-stand on a prominent corner under the Elevated road. The adjacent storekeeper would not permit a large closed stand to be used, and she had only a table, with all the consequent exposure. A friendly visitor in charge of case soon saw it was impossible to continue this, but every renewed attempt to better matters failed. Correspondence with Massachusetts showed that all her old friends had died off, and their children were unable to care for her. Appealing at last to Central Office, a friend was found to offer \$50 toward placing her in a home. The Visitor acted on the suggestion, raised more than enough to pay the entrance fee to one of the choicest Homes for Aged in this city, whose managers made a preferred case of it; clothed her, and located her for life in comfort and abundance. The excess of funds contributed was put in her name in a savings bank, the income of which will occasionally furnish a few of the little luxuries to which she has for a long life been accustomed. Her gratitude is large compensation for the weeks of effort to adequately relieve her.

No. 192. A widow (45) with two daughters 16 and 17, utterly destitute, no work, rent past due and dispossession pending; of good character and industrious. A friendly visitor found a friend to provide a month's rent, another to make temporary work, but it was impracticable to find adequate and permanent employment or help. It was learned that a niece, to get rid of her, had induced her to leave her native place, 300 miles away, and seek a livelihood here; and correspondence showed that work could be provided for her in her old home where she was known. Her pride at first revolted, but after some time she consented to return; free transportation was secured, an express took goods to depot without charge, and by the co-operation of a few friends their debts were paid, comfortable clothing was provided, and \$25 additional was provided for her to begin again with, on her arrival at home.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, GEO. C. KOBBE, *Treas. and Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 342 East 18th street, Rob't W. HEBBERT, *Agent*.

In February it treated 51 cases, procuring temporary relief for 5, employment for 9, made 6 self-supporting, emigrated 1 family, and exposed 4 frauds, 3 able-bodied men want labor, and 3 strong, healthy widows with small children, need washing and scrubbing to do; procuring such work, all these will be independent.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 136. A dispensary physician called attention to a destitute family, whose mother had stumbled over an obstacle carelessly left on the stairs, and falling, was so severely injured that she was helpless and could not mind her 2 small children. Constant medical attendance was supplied by the dispensary. The husband, a shop shoemaker, was out of work some time owing to his employer's failure; had no money and could get no "credit." Obligated, owing to his wife's injury, to care for the children and do the household work as well, he could not seek employment and the situation was serious. Both bore a good character, and from a co-operating relief society temporary help was secured while the problem was being studied. Their rooms were on the ground floor, back part of a wretched tenement, flanked on either side by dwellings more miserable. The neighborhood was vicious and demoralized. Aiming at permanent help as soon as the wife was able to change, a loan was procured from a private source, rooms on the first floor front of a decent house in a promising neighborhood were taken, and the family was moved and settled there. A sign:—"Boot and Shoemaker, Repairing Neatly Done," was prepared and hung out between the front windows. Work came in immediately and thus the family was rendered entirely self-supporting, and the father enabled to remain at home so that the mother could fully recover, free from care of the children, and afterwards go out to work if necessary without neglecting them.

No. 149. A poor wife with three young children to support. Her patience toward a brutal husband being exhausted she had him committed to the Island. Being without friends in the city, she sought means of support with poor success. At last she applied to her pastor for aid to find work, and he being unable to find it for her, referred her to the Society's care. Careful investigation proving her worthiness and urgent need, we sought and procured sufficient laundry work from private families to keep her time fully occupied. A home was found for the oldest child (boy of 14) in a private family, and besides his board he earns enough to pay his mother's rent. The next (girl of 10) had heretofore been kept from school to care for the baby; she was now sent again to school, and arrangements were made for the mother to place the baby daily at the Day Nursery at a slight cost, and to take it home at night. Through this scheme the family became not only self-supporting and happy, but the mother has also been started on a career of thrift, and has already saved a small sum of money for a rainy day.

No. O. I. REPRESSION. A manager of a leading Relief Society requested an investigation of a case to which her society had given much relief: the applicant representing herself as a widow with several small children to support. A long and patient investigation showed that the woman borrowed the "small children" for begging purposes from an accommodating friend, and that the income of the family from the labor of the mother and several grown up children living with her, had not for years fallen below \$25.00 per week. These facts cut off the waste of charity to this family from the society in question, and are recorded at the Central Office for the benefit of any other constituents who may report aid to, or applications from, the same deceiver.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, JR., *Treas. and Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 8 University place, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

In February dealt with 124 cases, of which 4 were put into institutions; casual relief was procured for 12, 1 loan was made, 20 were provided with work, 12 families were emigrated, 2 families were broken up, and 4 frauds were suppressed.

9 worthy persons want skilled work; and a number of others want washing, ironing and scrubbing, all well recommended. Of the former, 2 are good dressmakers, 1 lace maker, 1 excellent seamstress, 1 carriage smith, 1 expressman, 1 book-keeper, 1 dry-goods clerk, 1 painter.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 64. In February, '83, a pastor referred case of a widow, (husband dead 1 year) with four boys, 2, 6, 13 and 14, and 2 girls, 9 and 11, and an elderly maiden sister, in lowest depths of poverty; hunger, cold, squalor, and utter discouragement. Total income, \$3 a week from two older boys. Very worthy, but had begun to learn how to lean on relief societies and her church, and so induced to relax efforts for self-help. Immediate relief was procured from co-operating agencies for pressing needs, temporary work repeatedly found, and efforts entered upon to build up the family tone. Children were sent to country in June, July and August, and mother with children taken on fresh-air excursions. By watching and friendly pressure they were kept comfortably provided for by employment till December, when mother fell sick with kidney and throat troubles. District nurse and medical aid were supplied and also sick diet, till recovery, but the illness had put them back seriously. In February request was received by Charity Organization Society from a Delaware firm, making fruit baskets and other light woodwork, for families of women and children to work in factory, fair wages, low rent, and neighborhood physically and morally healthy. The chance was offered to this family and eagerly grasped. Four societies co-operated together to give them an abundant outfit, transportation was secured, and family sent off in comfort and respectability. In three days family had arrived, were settled in neat cottage at \$3 per month rent, and mother, aunt, and three eldest children were all at work; happy, independent and hopeful, after two years despondent struggle on their part, and a year of hard effort and study of the Committee to find adequate and permanent relief.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, WM. S. BARRETT, *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of 4th avenue and the Bowery. Office, 124 St. Mark's place. Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, *Agent*.

In February cared for 175 cases, of which 3 were put in hospitals and homes; relief was procured for 22, and work for 14. Friendly Visitors are much needed in this District.

33 men and 24 women need work. The men are clerks, porters, drivers, iron workers, shoe makers, janitors, and laborers; 1 waiter, 1 painter, 1 watchman; 2 boys to learn trades. The women want sewing and washing; 1 nurse, 1 housekeeper and 2 knitters.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 82. A case of a deserted wife with 5 children (18, 16, 13, 11 and 1) has cost the Committee much time, labor and anxiety, but well exemplifies our methods. The girl 13, had been in the blind asylum, but a medical member of the Committee thought the sight might be restored, and procured for her the free care of an eminent oculist. The oldest boy (18) was wayward, kept bad company, staying out nights, &c. Another member of Committee visited the house one morning and found this boy in bed; waiting until he dressed he took him to a near machine shop, where work was secured at \$6 per week. The boy soon lost this through an evening's dissipation and late hours the next morning. The care of two offices at \$6 a week was secured for the mother, but so much was owing for rent, clothing pawned, &c., that the Committee interested a friend who loaned at different times \$22 to pay back rent, &c., to be repaid from earnings. Not being strong enough to do the work required she was discharged before half the debt was paid. Having proved her willingness to work, another place was secured where three half days' work a week is provided. As this paid expenses, the elder son refused to work, arguing that the Committee who had done so much for his mother, would not desert them now; 'You know, mother,' said he "those gentlemen will never see you put upon the street." As this would frustrate the Committee's plans, it permitted the family to be put out of two different houses, insisting that this boy must go to work or to a reformatory, before doing more for the mother. A Relief Society that had supplied groceries and clothing on the Committee's recommendation were now advised that this relief should be cut off, harsh as it might seem, or the boy would go to destruction. After nearly a month's struggle with starvation, the boy called at the Office, expressed his penitence and asked for "one more chance." This proved the turning point. He was sent to

a coal yard to test his willingness to work, and soon a situation was secured for him, by the Committee, where he now receives \$36 per month. Had the weekly allowance of the Relief Society been continued, there is no doubt that the boy would have continued to lead an idle vicious life. The family is now independent and self-supporting, and the case illustrates the wisdom of the Committee's policy of helping only those who are willing to help themselves.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

In February he interrogated and directed 207 cases to the proper charity, and investigated and helped 172 cases. Of the latter 4 were placed in hospitals and institutions; relief was procured for 53, 1 loan was effected, work was found for 14, 3 families were emigrated where relatives could care for them, and 12 frauds were exposed and suppressed.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 138. A delicate and refined widow (44) with an invalid widowed mother (68) found very destitute from failure of work, without friends here and utterly despondent. From city references a blameless character was established. Temporary relief secured from private sources, to save the mortification of mixing with the usual crowd of a relief office. Concluded they could not get on here and desired to go to Cincinnati, their former home, where relatives, long ago alienated by an unfortunate marriage, would perhaps care for them. Investigations made in Cincinnati corroborated their hopes, and proved a high character while living there; and the relatives responded favorably to the Society's intercessions in their behalf. Both were cared for while negotiations progressed: friends of the Society were found here to provide food, money and necessities for the way, half-fare tickets were procured through a railroad official, a private gentleman paid the other half at sight, and the two were dispatched to their old home and friends under proper care. Friends awaited their arrival, placed them in comfortable quarters, and made ample future provisions for them. The co-operation of four agencies here, and the mediation of the Society with the alienated friends have given them full and permanent relief, and saved them from a life of hopeless and bitter poverty here.

No. N. T. For years previous to 1883, a family of three persons, grandmother, mother, and son 10 years old, had been entirely dependent on charity. The young woman hopelessly sick, and the old woman unable to do more than beg and nurse the sick daughter. Several societies had long been cognizant and gave spasmodic relief. The young woman died, but the habit of begging continued in her mother. She solicited and received a precarious subsistence from at least ten societies, each unknown to the other. She also begged from down-town merchants, and even with grand-son by her side, basket in hand, went from door to door asking relief. She had rapidly become pauperized, and was dragging her bright grandson to a life of beggary and dependence. It was decided that either a pledge of sufficient pensions should be secured from a few of the societies, on condition that she abstained entirely in future from begging, friendly supervision being enlisted to keep a watch over her; or, that the woman be sent to Alms House and the boy to some institution. The former course was thought to promise best results for the boy, inasmuch as a gentleman had been found who takes great interest in the boy, and is willing to befriend and supervise both. Pledges of pensions were secured from six societies and individuals amounting to about \$19 per month. The boy has been placed in good school. He reports weekly to the gentleman referred to, who also employs him in some light work which adds about \$5 to the monthly income. On that amount they will live comfortably. A request has been made to all the other societies formerly assisting her to withhold all further relief. The old woman knows she is to be cared for systematically, and she promises not to beg from any source; but to care for herself and boy, and earn whatever money her strength will permit, till the grandson is old enough to leave school and enter a business which will be ready for him if he fulfills the expectations of those interested in him. Thus the random and unreliable grants of ten societies are changed into the concordant and regular stipends of five of them and one church, the boy is saved from a pauper life and is being trained for usefulness, the grandmother has an assured support, and the city has one beggar less.

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[No. 3.]

OF THE

Charity Organization Society

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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., April 15th, 1884.

The Society's Work March, 1884.

The number of reports received at the Registration Bureau from the several Church and Relief Societies shows a marked falling off in applications for relief all along the line of alms-giving agencies.

A leading Society sends \$100 (received since April 1), as a proper payment due for service rendered to it by this Society, "with many assurances of our confidence in, and our grateful appreciation of the work of the Charity Organization Society. Its protective service can never cease to be a marvel to all who have in any way had occasion to appeal to it."

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received...1,958 | Number of Reports sent out...1,745
New cases and removals.....1,513 | Special Investigations made...136

An experienced Out-door officer, charged with the duty of assisting or suppressing Street Beggars, entered upon his duties March 1st. These are a *dangerous class*, and members are urged to refer them all to the Society.

During the month he dealt with 126 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
23 Begging Letter-writers.	47 in cheap lodging-houses.
84 Sidewalk beggars.	58 in their own homes.
6 House-to-house beggars.	13 gave false addresses.
13 Society "rounders."	8 Station-house lodgers, &c.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
13 helpless through infirmity.	8 needy and worthy.
80, or 63 per cent., able-bodied.	12 had ample means.
33 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.	74 shiftless and idle.
	37 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 46 warned, directed and counselled. 47 committed for two to six months. 4 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

Indiscriminate alms-giving, cheap lodging-houses and cheap liquor were found to be the three leading incentives to street mendicancy.

The District Committees' Report for March,

Cases considered.....	754	Procured relief for.....	103
Directed to the proper Charity	374	Aided by loans.....	5
False addresses.....	17	Secured work for.....	138
Worthy continuous relief "temporary"	84	Made self-supporting.....	60
Needing work instead of relief.....	196	Emigrated.....	22
Unworthy of relief.....	67	Families broken up.....	13
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c.....	40	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....	25
		Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c. ...	117
		Friendly Visitors on duty	142

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult the State Board of Charities, or with this Society before contributing funds in aid of the

N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.	Hibernian Union Club.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, & Home for Children.	Manhattan Benevolent Association.
Reform Charity Union.	Hudson
St. Stephen's Guild.	Irish American
Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.	Penal Reform Aid.
	Free Dispensary of N. Y.
	Society of Holy Innocents.

or any other Relief Society not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to *any* begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Archer, Charles	Lehmann, Annie
Armstrong, Alfred and Augusta	Lewith, Rosa
Beatty, Cecelia	Lindgren, John F.
Bemler, Carl	Locher, John and Emma Frena
Bodine, Caroline	Mayer, A. W. (converted Jew).
Brown, alias Jordan, Annie Olivia	McCarthy, Della
Clark, "Prof." Noah B.	McDonald, alias O'Donnell, Henry
Donnelly, Mary	McDonald, Wm. and Ellen
Englehart, Henry and Ellen	Mooney, John and Mary
Ey, August	O'Connor, alias Thompson, Jas. R.
Finley, Wm. E.	O'Donnell, alias McDonald, Henry
French, Bartholomew and Mary A.	Reynolds, Mrs.

Fury, alias Parks, John Ambrose	Smith, Mrs. M. L., alias Mrs. Gen'l
and Mary Hannah	Snell, Henry and Hester Ann
Godfrey, Mary	Sobottker, Clarence and Constance,
Green, Mrs. A., M. D.	alias Paul and Louisa
Gugler, Wilhelm and Elizabeth	Stern, Max
Haley, George and Ann	Struck, Charles and Maggie.
Harwood, Emily	Thompson, alias O'Connor, Jas. R.
Hillings, Alice	Vondersmith, Sam'l T. and Eveline
Hogeland, Louise	Webb, Frances
Jones, Fanny	Webb, Susan
Jordan, alias Brown, Annie Olivia	Widdop, alias Woods, Eliza
Kennedy, Thomas and Ann	Wilkins, George and Mrs.
	Woods, alias Widdop, Eliza

(Please keep all these lists for your future protection.)

Rev. W. A. T. Smith, against whom we warned members in February, has been arrested in New London, Ct., for swindling the churches there by pretended collections for Senegambia.

N. B.—Look out for two women peddling aprons, &c., at night: one a young girl (Hillings) who says her sick mother makes them; and the other (Curran) says she has left a sick babe alone at home while she goes out for help. Both impostors. May give other names.

Also, for a stout, well-dressed woman, who leaves notices asking for an interview to present the claims of a worthy object. Is reported as a thief.

We wish to find a young man who goes among the poor, pretending to be agent for various Relief Societies, enters the family's name in a book, promises money, food, &c., and tries to collect a fee. Any help in securing this scamp, or advice about him, will be gratefully received.

Contributions March, 1884.

Agnew, Dr. C. R.....	\$ 5 00	Lynch, James D.....	10 00
Appleton, W. H.....	10 00	Macy, Wm. H.....	25 00
B—, H. C.....	5 00	Maillard, Henry.....	10 00
Babcock, H. D.....	10 00	Marshall, H. R.....	10 00
Banks, Mrs. James L.....	5 00	Milliken, S. M.....	10 00
Banning, Mrs. Wm. C.....	5 00	Nash, S. P.....	5 00
Barbour, Wm. D.....	10 00	Naumburg, Mrs. E.....	5 00
Barker, Dr. Fordyce.....	10 00	Openhym, Wm. & Sons.....	10 00
Beincke & Co.....	5 00	Oppenheimer, Dr. H. S.....	10 00
Belden, Joshua.....	25 00	Pinchot, Mrs. James W.....	25 00
Benjamin, John.....	10 00	Putnam, G. P.'s Sons.....	50 00
Blumenthal, Mrs. J.....	5 00	Rand, George C.....	10 00
Bolles, Thomas N.....	10 00	Raymond, Mrs. J. J.....	5 00
Bristow, B. H.....	10 00	Reed, Mrs. F. C.....	5 00
Brown, J. Crosby.....	10 00	Rhineland, The Misses.....	10 00
Brown, Melville.....	5 00	Rice, Mrs. Henry.....	25 00
Brown, Mrs. C. V.....	10 00	Richards, Mrs. C. B.....	5 00
Byrd, George H.....	50 00	Riddle, Wm. Q.....	5 00
Cash.....	5 00	Robinson, Dr. Beverley.....	10 00
Cash.....	10 00	Sage, Russell.....	10 00
Cash.....	50 00	Sage, Mrs. Russell.....	10 00
Cash, C. P. C.....	10 00	Samson, Felix.....	5 00
Cash, F. L. S.....	10 00	Sayre, Dr. Lewis A.....	5 00
Cash, R. P.....	5 00	Schafer, Samuel M.....	10 00
Cooksey, Mrs. Geo. B.....	10 00	Schermerhorn, Rev. J. W.....	5 00
Cruiger, S. V. R.....	10 00	Schley, W. T.....	5 00
Dale, Henry.....	10 00	Schmidt, O. E.....	5 00
Daly, Hon. Chas. P.....	25 00	Scholle Brothers.....	10 00
De Grauw, W. N. Jr.....	10 00	Schoollherr, Mrs. L.....	10 00
Dexter, Henry.....	10 00	Seligman, Mrs. I. J.....	5 00
Dix, Rev. Morgan, D. D.....	25 00	Shepard, Elliott F.....	25 00
Dixon, George T.....	10 00	Skeel, Mrs. Roswell.....	10 00
Dodge, Mrs. W. E. Sr.....	100 00	Smith, Dr. James O.....	5 00
Dreyfuss, Ludwig.....	10 00	Smith, Wm. Alexander.....	10 00
Eastman, T. C.....	100 00	Stevens, Mrs. Alexander H.....	5 00
Eidlitz, Marc.....	10 00	Storm, Thomas.....	5 00
Field, David Dudley.....	25 00	Strang, Samuel A.....	5 00
Gibert, Mrs. J. T.....	5 00	Street, William A.....	10 00
Goldsmith, G. A.....	5 00	Stuart, Mrs. Helen M.....	5 00
Halstead, P. S.....	10 00	Swift, Mrs. H. H.....	5 00
Hard, Anson W.....	10 00	Taber, Mrs. C. C.....	5 00
Hartt, James C.....	10 00	Taintor, G. E.....	10 00
Hewitt, Abram S.....	10 00	Taylor, Mrs. Aug. C.....	5 00
Hildburgh, Henry.....	5 00	Terry, Mrs. F. P.....	5 00
Holland, Thomas.....	20 00	Terry, Rev. Roderrick.....	10 00
Hollins, Mrs. F. C.....	5 00	Thompson, Capt. W. C.....	10 00
Horton, Mrs. B. W.....	5 00	Thurber, F. B.....	10 00
Horton, Mrs. H. L.....	5 00	Trimble, Mrs. Merritt.....	10 00
Ickelheimer, Isaac.....	10 00	Trowbridge, E. D.....	10 00
Jackson, Wm. H.....	5 00	Van Schaick, Jenkins.....	5 00
Jay, Mrs. J. C.....	10 00	Vermilye, J. D.....	10 00
Jesurun, Mrs. L. P.....	5 00	Warner, Wm. S.....	100 00
Jones, Mr. Lewis C.....	10 00	Welling, N. P.....	5 00
Joseph, Mrs. L.....	5 00	Wells, Mrs. John.....	5 00
Kendall, Mrs. E. H.....	5 00	Wheelright, Wm. D.....	10 00
Kehner, Mrs. S.....	5 00	White, John Jay.....	50 00
Kidd, Grace Georgette.....	10 00	Whyland, A. E.....	10 00
Lavanburg, Mrs. L.....	5 00	Wistar, Miss K. J.....	5 00
Lefferts, M. C.....	10 00	Wolfe, Miss C. L.....	100 00
Lightbody, Mrs. J. G.....	5 00	Woodworth, Mrs. R.....	10 00
Livingston, John.....	10 00		
Long, Isaac S.....	10 00		
		Total,	\$1,635 00

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 72d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

In March it dealt with 62 cases, of which 6 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 14, work was secured for 20, 12 were made self-supporting, 2 were emigrated, 2 families removed to better homes, and one family broken up.

10 out-of-work cases need only employment to make their families wholly or nearly self-supporting, viz:—2 for light work, 1 has weak back, and 1 aged man; 1 boy and 1 girl for trades; 1 man and wife as janitor or house-agent; 2 grocers' clerks; 3 women want family washing or sewing. Will the residents help to give work to these?

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 184. Man, wife and 4 children, 8, 6, 4, 2 years. Husband while at work had sprained his ankle and he was laid up for several weeks last fall, and when the man was able to go about again all their savings were exhausted, and his work failed. He had no trade, and the severe winter found them without food or money for rent due. A former employer, of small means, discovered the situation, paid a month's rent, and came to District Office to report the case, and to seek counsel what to do with the helpless family. The woman being so near confinement as not to be able to work, a place was secured for her to go to shortly for a few weeks. Correspondence was opened with their friends in Paterson, N. J., who sent for the man and procured work for him there. Food and fuel were provided for the family by private persons to save the demoralization and the publicity of dependence on relief societies. While seeking provision for the children during their mother's confinement the father returned with his week's pay, and his ankle again forbidding him to work. Further search and correspondence revealed friends in Newark, who responded favorably to our suggestion to send on the family to them, they agreeing to take care of them until the man was able to work. All were promptly emigrated to Newark, where they are well cared for, and our charitable public are relieved from the burden of their support.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

In March it dealt with 76 cases, of which 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 20, 1 was helped by a loan, work secured for 20, 13 were made self-supporting, 2 frauds exposed, and 3 families removed to better abodes.

31 women and 6 men need work, viz:—24 women at washing and day's work, 4 seamstresses to go out, 3 to take sewing in at home, 2 men, not strong, need light work, 4 laborers; these all are believed to be honest and reliable, though not always skilled. Ladies cleaning house are earnestly asked to send to the office for needed help. We have several worthy and needy women anxious for such work, whom we can promptly furnish.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 39. A widow with one child, 9 years, applied more than a year ago, stating she was very destitute, rent due, no money and no food. A little direct relief was obtained for her, and as she was able-bodied, measures were at once taken to procure employment. A place out of the city was found, where she could have her child with her and \$20 per month, as working housekeeper. This she declined, although she had repeatedly professed her great desire for just such a position. She was then quietly dropped, after being informed that she would not be relieved or allowed to beg. Then she was watched, and several times persons were warned against relieving her. A few weeks ago she again applied, being at last brought to the bitter end of her begging career, which we found had extended over a period of 3 years, and this time accepted a position at once out of the city at less wages, and left her child in our care, after agreeing to pay for his board where we might place him. An excellent home was found for him, and his mother now writes to thank the committee for its kindness, and to express her satisfaction with its discipline, and commences her regular agreed payments. This case has taken a year to bring to its present satisfactory condition, but the committee feel well repaid.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, J. H. EMERSON, M. D., *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. ROBERT H. LIEVESLEY, *Agent*.

In March it cared for 31 cases, relief was procured for 5, 1 received a loan, and work was found for 12; 2 frauds were exposed.

The following need work, viz.—11 laborers, 1 painter, 2 boys for trades, 16 women for day's work, and 4 good laundresses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 62. A sad and discouraged but worthy woman applied for aid for herself and little girl of 5. Husband was worthless and dissolute. His mother had died the previous week at a hospital and their few effects were sold to pay funeral expenses. The continued miserable struggle for life, with a drunken husband who spent every dollar as fast as earned, was the only prospect open before her. After careful study of the case the suggestion was made to her to leave New York and go West, where her aged father, who was evidently unaware of her sad straits, had a little home of his own. The very thought of such a change brought sunshine to her, which, however, was soon clouded when she realized her want of means, and that no prospect existed of obtaining any. Unknown to her a letter was written the father, stating the condition and prospect of his daughter and grand-child, and the return mail brought half the requisite money, with instruction to forward them as soon as possible. Their forlorn condition was reported to the Children's Aid Society, which co-operated by furnishing the balance of the transportation, and to the American Female Guardian Society, which provided prompt and ample supplies of clothing; and soon the glad mother and her child left the scene of their misery and suffering for a refuge in her father's house in Iowa.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, GEO. C. KOBBE, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for district between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In March it treated 43 cases, placing 3 in institutions and homes, procuring temporary relief for 3, employment for 10, 8 were made self-supporting, 2 families broken up to save the children and make self-supporting, 5 frauds were exposed and suppressed. 5 able-bodied men want labor, 2 in lumber yards, 1 porter, 1 waiter, and 1 watenman; 6 strong, healthy widows with small children need washing and scrubbing to do, and 2 seamstresses want sewing to do at home. Procuring such work, all these will be independent.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 175. A worthy German family struggling resolutely with misfortune and poverty, consisting of husband, wife and 5 children—3 girls, 15, 12 and 1; and 2 boys, 13 and 8 years, was referred to our care by an East Side Missionary. The husband was consumptive and unable to work, and on the wife mainly fell the burden of the family's support. She was a good laundress, industrious and careful, but having the care of her infant, and being diffident and unacquainted, found little to do. The boy of 13 was defective and in an institution. The oldest girl, a shop hand, earned but \$1 a week. The income being thus very inadequate, aid of a permanent nature was imperatively necessary. The committee first arranged to have the infant cared for in a day-nursery at a moderate cost to the mother when she should be at work. Next, enough well-paid and permanent work for the mother was found in private families to occupy all her time, and a place was procured for the girl of 15 as domestic, so that instead of being a burden she was able to aid materially in the family support. For the youngest girl was also found work suited to her years where, with board and lodging, she received moderate compensation. In this way the family was made self-supporting, and continue to do well.

No. 171. A poor aged widow referred to our care by her pastor, to whom she applied for aid. She had a little business, by which she made enough to live comfortably. One day while buying supplies she met with an accident, which laid her up for some months, and impoverished her to such an extent that she lost her business and became destitute. When sent to us she was without a shelter for the night. From a co-operating charity we immediately obtained a temporary home for her at a respectable lodging house, and endeavored to solve the problem of permanent and substantial relief. The Committee, after some study, decided that it would be wise to procure aid for her to again commence her business, and, to this end, raised in the district a fund for her use. When she selected a suitable location the fund was placed at her disposal. The plan proved successful, and besides supporting herself and paying her running expenses, she has been able to pay back a considerable portion of the money loaned her; to be used for others.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 8 University place, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

In March dealt with 146 cases, of which 8 were put into institutions; casual relief was procured for 5, 50 were provided with work, 16 families were emigrated, 30 were made self-supporting, 2 families were broken up, and 5 frauds were suppressed. About 30 cases were adequately helped by aiding them to develop their own resources.

1 painter needs work; also 15 good women, viz., 3 excellent dress-makers, 3 housekeepers, 3 monthly nurses, and 6 good house-servants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. CASE 207. About a year since a family of 5, Southerners, were living in pretentious quarters, with weekly rent of \$8. Father, age 54, had been blind and without employment 17 years; mother, age 50, recently had pneumonia; daughter of 19 was consumptive; boy of 16 was earning \$6 per week; and boy of 7 at school. Half starving, while begging everywhere to keep up appearances, their circumstances were desperate and almost hopeless. They first attempted to reduce their expenses by taking unfurnished rooms, a clergyman interested giving the means for the experiment, which proved a failure, because their landlady was evicted for non-payment of rent. Work of different kinds was furnished the mother, but in all she failed. Meanwhile, clothing, shoes and rent were furnished by different societies, but the prospects remained exceedingly gloomy. In July the husband received \$39 from the City Aid to the Adult Blind. Rooms were again taken, and after two months resulted in another failure, because of sickness and high rent. In October the furniture was again stored, and furnished rooms resorted to at \$10.75 per week. The relief societies were again called into requisition, but for a time food was very scarce. Father, mother and youngest child lived two days on 11 cents' worth of food; the crisis had arrived, and it seemed inevitable that the father should go to the Almshouse, the mother to a situation, and the youngest boy to an asylum. At this stage the Committee took charge of the case and assigned it to a Friendly Visitor. He counselled with the son (then earning \$9 per week), insisting that they should use their furniture, take unfurnished rooms and try again. The son chose rooms at \$26 a month, which rent was vetoed by Visitor, who finally found for them 5 rooms for \$15, and placed them therein in January last. Visitor loaned the first month's rent, to be returned at \$1 per week, and supplied a stove on same terms. Thus, once more they commenced with \$5 weekly from the son, \$4 from the daughter, and \$2.50 for the board and care of a baby; in all \$11.50 for the first week. During the second week employment was found for the father at the Art Student's League as model at \$1 per day, making a weekly income of \$17.50. This was the first money earned by the father in 17 years. In March another baby was taken to board at \$3.50 a week, making \$21 maximum weekly income for March, fluctuating to \$18, as the father some times made but one-half day's wages. The family, however, were making both ends meet, and had added many comforts. Now, the son's salary has been advanced, and the prospects are favorable as to the future. Relief, other than that earned by themselves, has been gradually withdrawn, and they are now standing upon a foundation of self-support and independence. The case illustrates the total lack of judgment and prudence which impoverishes so many worthy people; and the patience, study and management required of a Friendly Visitor to make such persons independent of the charitable relief which enervates and degrades them.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*. WM. S. BARRETT, *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of 4th avenue and the Bowery. Office, 124 St. Mark's place. Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, *Agent*.

In March cared for 94 cases, of which 13 were put in hospitals and homes; relief was procured for 14, and work for 18; 1 family was graduated into self-support, and 1 family was emigrated where ample work was awaiting; 1 fraud was exposed. Friendly Visitors are much needed in this District.

33 men and 24 women need work. The men are 10 porters, 1 driver, 1 tailor, 2 janitors, 2 light work, 1 kalsominer, 1 painter, 1 deaf mute 22 years old, and 1 nearly blind 46 years, both willing and, we think, faithful; it will be a great charity to employ them. The women want sewing, washing and scrubbing; 1 nurse.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. CASE 109. An old German widow, living entirely alone, suffering from chronic articular rheumatism. She was entirely dependent upon the kindness of her neighbors, one old friend taking her clothes home to wash. When necessary to go from one part of her room to another she hobbled by means of a shade roller. Admittance was sought for her at a Home just out of the city, but the free beds were all occupied. Space, however, was promised provided the committee could find some one to supply a bed. This was finally accomplished through a friend of the Committee, and the poor old woman was taken to her permanent home in a carriage furnished by another friend. From time to time letters are received from her overflowing with gratitude, in which the poor sufferer states that she never expected to be so happy.

CASE 168. A widow of 47, 2 sons, 22 and 14, and a daughter 16. This poor woman has buried her husband and 4 grown children through consumption. The daughter 16 is fast following the rest of the family, and the sons are both delicate. When the case was taken in charge the entire income of the family was \$3 a week, earned by the younger boy. Through much exertion work was procured for the older boy at \$20 a month and his board and clothing. A gentleman who has milk from the country was interested so far as to send the sick daughter one quart every morning, and has given a near butcher orders to furnish the family with meat of a certain value every week. The same kind friend is negotiating for a cottage, where the whole family will be removed this summer, and work procured for the members of the family able to do it. The heart-broken mother calls frequently at the office saying she had "no idea there were so many kind people in the world," and she knows if her "other children had only had the nourishment these are receiving they might have been spared a little longer" to cheer her declining years.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

In March he interrogated and directed 181 cases to the proper charity, and investigated and treated 187 cases. Of the latter 6 were placed in hospitals and institutions; relief was procured for 42, 2 loans were effected, work was found for 8, 2 families were emigrated where relatives could care for them, and 1 where it could be self-supporting; 1 family was removed to a better abode, and 10 frauds were exposed and suppressed.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 283. A mother with 3 babes, 2, 3 and 5 years old, said that her husband had gone to Denver to seek work, and had found it and made a home for them but could not pay their passage. A careful investigation proved her to be a worthy struggling woman, heretofore self-supporting; and correspondence with Denver corroborated her statements as to the situation there, the respectability of the father, and the wisdom of forwarding the family. At our instance the American Female Guardian Society supplied shelter for all while investigation proceeded, and afterwards clothing and food for the journey; the Children's Aid Society supplied transportation to Kansas City and sent the family on with one of their Western parties; one private gentleman supplied R. R. tickets from Kansas City to Denver, and another contributed sufficient money to purchase needed comforts, and provide two or three weeks' sustenance after arrival. The co-operation of these four agencies with this society made ample provision for removing this brave but over-burdened mother from wretched destitution in New York to the comfort and independence of a Western home.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

WORK.—The Society strive to make *employment the basis of relief in every case* where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever *any kind of service* is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if statedly given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

EX-CONVICTS.—It is not safe to deal with or assist any real or pretended ex-convicts, except by referring them (or better still, by *going with* them) to the Prison Association, No. 65 Bible House, or to the House of Industry and Refuge for Discharged Convicts, 40 East Houston street, corner of Mott. Many falsely pretend to be convicts, because public sympathy is so deeply touched by the difficulties which this class encounter.

OF THE

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Telephone No. 380, 21st st.**A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.****CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., May 15th, 1884.****The Society's Work April, 1884.**

Reports from the constituent Church and benevolent societies shew a still increasing reduction in applications and relief. This is due very largely to the habit of many organizations to cease alms-giving absolutely, at this season; and the consequent expectation of even the worthy and needy poor to shift for themselves, independent of all regular aid. This custom acts as a healthy stimulus to those who only seek relief because it is so freely offered, while it causes much distress among the helpless and needy poor.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received... 1,211 | Number of Reports sent out... 262
New cases and removals... 992 | Special Investigations made... 130
Total Number of Reports on File, 62,514.

The District Committees Report for April,

Cases considered.....	565	Procured relief for.....	92
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	4
Charity.....	269	Secured work for.....	122
False addresses.....	17	Made self-supporting.....	60
Worthy continuous relief	17	Emigrated.....	25
" temporary.....	78	Families broken up.....	10
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	134	pressed.....	19
Unworthy of relief.....	50	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, &c.....	104
lums, &c.....	19	Friendly Visitors on duty	134

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER.

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 124 cases during the month:

CLASSIFIED AS:

5 Begging Letter-writers.
56 Sidewalk beggars.
37 House-to-house beggars.
20 Society "rounders."

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

29 helpless through infirmity.
60, or 55 per cent., able-bodied.
30 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

RESULTS: 40 warned, directed and counselled, 32 committed for 10 days to six months, 8 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult the State Board of Charities, or with this Society before contributing funds to aid

N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children, and Seminary for Girls, St. Nicholas ave. and 153d street.
Reform Charity Union.
St. Stephen's Guild.
Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.

Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
Hibernian Union Club.
Manhattan Benevolent Association.
Hudson Irish American "
Penal Reform Aid.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.
Society of Holy Innocents.
John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Contributions, April, 1884.

Adams, Chas. D.....	\$ 10 00	Lorillard, Mrs. Pierre.....	5 00
Adams, Mrs. T. M.....	10 00	Lusk, Matilda M.....	10 00
Alden, Mrs. B. R.....	10 00	Manson, Thomas L.....	10 00
Appleton, Wm. W.....	10 00	Marquand, Miss Mabel.....	10 00
Avery, Mrs. S. P.....	10 00	Maynard, E.....	5 00
Bacon, Francis M.....	10 00	Mead, Edwin.....	5 00
Bangs, Dr. L. B.....	10 00	Morrison, E. A.....	10 00
Beekman, Mrs. Wm. F.....	5 00	McKeever, J. Lawrence.....	5 00
Benedict, Mrs. E. C.....	5 00	McLean, John S.....	10 00
Benjamin, E. M.....	10 00	N. Y. Diet Kitchen Ass'n.....	100 00
Berwind, Mrs. E. J.....	10 00	Olney, Peter B.....	20 00
Blackstone, Wyllis.....	5 00	Olney, Mrs. Peter B.....	20 00
Blagden, Mrs. S. P.....	15 00	Olyphant, Robert.....	10 00
Bond, Wm. E.....	5 00	Parker, J. V.....	5 00
Boorman, The Misses.....	15 00	Paisell, Henry V.....	5 00
Bowdoin, Mrs. Geo. S.....	5 00	Perlee, R. N.....	10 00
Brand, James.....	5 00	Peyser, Frederick M.....	10 00
Brooks, Rev. Arthur.....	10 00	Phoenix, P.....	10 00
Brouwer, Theophilus.....	10 00	Piza, Joshua.....	5 00
Bullard, Mrs. Wm. M.....	10 00	Pondir, John.....	5 00
Bunting, Miss E. F.....	10 00	Prime, Rev. S. I.....	10 00
Cash.....	5 00	Purser, Mrs. Geo. H.....	5 00
Cash, J. B. J.....	10 00	Roosevelt, C. V. S.....	100 00
Cash, Mrs. G. M.....	5 00	Rosenfeld, Isaac.....	5 00
Clark, Alfred C.....	100 00	Rowland, Thos. F.....	25 00
Colgate, A. W.....	20 00	Scudder, Dr. Chas. D.....	10 00
Cornell, J. B.....	10 00	Servinni, L. Skongaard.....	10 00
Cothral, Alexander I.....	25 00	Shaw, Mrs. R. G.....	10 00
Currier, Nathaniel.....	10 00	Sheldon, I. E.....	5 00
Dickinson, Mrs. Howard.....	5 00	Sidenberg, G.....	5 00
Dodworth, Allen.....	10 00	Slade, George P.....	10 00
Donnell, Mrs. E. J.....	10 00	Smillie, Mrs. Jas. D.....	10 00
Dutton, E. P.....	10 00	Smith, E. Reuel.....	10 00
Emmett, Dr. T. A.....	5 00	Stern, Joseph.....	5 00
Emott, James.....	5 00	Stevens, Bryan K.....	25 00
Eno, Dr. Henry C.....	25 00	Taylor, Henry J.....	10 00
Farragut, Mrs. V. L.....	10 00	Thompson, F. F.....	50 00
Field, Robert M.....	5 00	Thoron, Joseph.....	10 00
Ford, John R.....	10 00	Tiebaud, Paul L.....	10 00
Fox, Rev. Norman.....	5 00	Tleston, Mrs. H.....	5 00
Fry, General James B.....	5 00	Townsend, John J.....	10 00
Gordon, Robert.....	25 00	Townsend, John P.....	10 00
Greenough, Wm.....	10 00	Tripler, T. E.....	5 00
Greenough, Mrs. Wm.....	10 00	Vanderbilt, F. W.....	100 00
H.....	100 00	Vanderbilt, Wm. H.....	25 00
Hadden, John A.....	100 00	Wade, Robert.....	10 00
Hart, Rev. A. B., D. D.....	100 00	Watrous, Mrs. Chas.....	5 00
Hatfield, E. F.....	10 00	Watson, B. F.....	10 00
Hayden, Mrs. H. J.....	10 00	Webster, Mrs. Sidney.....	5 00
Hendricks, M. M.....	5 00	Whiting, F. H. N.....	10 00
Hewson, John H.....	25 00	Wilkes, M.....	10 00
Hoguet, Robert J.....	10 00	Willets, Lydia.....	10 00
Howe, Chas. Russell.....	5 00	Willets, Maria.....	10 00
Irving, John T.....	10 00	Williams, Rev. Theo. C.....	10 00
Ives, Wm. J.....	5 00	Worthen, Mrs. Wm. E.....	5 00
Jones, Mrs. F. R.....	10 00	Young, Mason.....	10 00
K....., J. A.....	5 00	Zabriskie, Andrew C.....	10 00
Kennedy, Miss R. L.....	10 00	Zion Aid Association of	
Keyes, Dr. E. L.....	10 00	Zion P. E. Church.....	10 00
Lagowitz, J.....	10 00		
Lee, Miss Alleine.....	20 00		

Total, \$1,835 00

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefitted and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the treasurer or one of the secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES.—Often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Officers will be grateful to any one who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

In April it dealt with 50 cases, of which 2 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 6, work was secured for 21, 12 were made self-supporting, 4 were emigrated, 3 families removed to better homes, and one fraud suppressed.

ent,—3 at day's washing, &c., 2 at plain sewing, and 1 at chcase maker; or either of them would make good light-recommended. The true charity to them is to give them when requiring.

children under our care for several months, husband being efficient nourishment, too feeble for heavy work. Wife was a condition, both were depressed because of their frequent on secured a place for the man as light porter in a warehouse days for poor eyesight. Immediate temporary aid then cured him a place to take charge of a furnace, and through m to pay his rent and lighten the burden a little. Meantime secured for him a steady position in the Park, with up his debts, and is now entirely self-supporting.

7 COMMITTEE.

has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

In April it dealt with 53 cases, of which 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 10, 1 was helped by a loan, work secured for 24, 13 were made self-supporting, 2 frauds exposed, and 2 families removed to better abodes. 31 women want extra day's work at washing, ironing, house-cleaning, etc.; also 3 men, delicate or fit only for light work; 1 laborer, and 1 boy to learn gardening; these all are believed to be honest and reliable, though not always skilled. Ladies cleaning house are earnestly asked to send to the office for needed help, which we can promptly furnish.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 331. An English family, man, wife and several children, one just recovering from a severe fit of sickness.

The man had been in business for himself in England, but the strikes had ruined him; and gathering up what remained he brought his family to this city. He obtained work at his trade at once, and for a few weeks all went well, when he was discharged as the dull season set in, sickness attacked his family, and he was forced in mid-winter to seek relief. It was found that he had attended a church near by regularly since he came to the city. The church was communicated with, and facts fully stated, when they interested themselves in the family at once. A position was found for the man, but the whole family were in such a weak state from want of nourishment that it required several days' care to bring them to a working condition. They are now doing well. This family are intelligent and refined, but were without a friend or acquaintance in the city.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, J. H. EMERSON, M. D., *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

In April it cared for 16 cases, relief was procured for 3, work was found for 12; 1 fraud was exposed.

The following need work, viz.—3 laboring men, 3 women for day's work, 1 good laundress and 1 cook.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 60. A widow and one daughter, both industrious, both exemplary, were employed in stores, and their united earnings failed to support them. Both were sickly for want of proper nourishment, and were compelled to seek help to supplement their wages through the winter. An efficient visitor took the case up, and becoming satisfied as to the cause of their trouble, sought an interview with the employers of the daughter and brought the facts to their notice, and after examination her wages were promptly raised. A similar effort was made on behalf of the mother, with same good result, and now they have no need of help outside their own earnings. The charitable relief, though needed, was fast degrading them by eating out their independence and self-respect; and by supplementing their wages, was really benefitting their employers. Friendly personal care and intervention secured fair compensation for their labor, and so not only made them self-sustaining, but ennobled their whole condition.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, GEO. C. KOBBE, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In April it treated 32 cases, placing 2 in institutions and homes, procuring temporary relief for 4, and a loan for 1, employment for 6; 4 were made self-supporting, 11 families emigrated where relatives could care for them, &c., 1 family removed to better abode; and 13 frauds were exposed and suppressed. 4 strong, healthy women with small children need washing and scrubbing to do, and 3 seamstresses want sewing to do at home. 6 men need employment, viz.—2 suitable for watchmen, 2 for porters, 1 to work in a lumber-yard, and 1 has been a noddler. Procuring such work, all these will be independent. All have been investigated, and as

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 188. An old man and his young son, being found worthy, it was secured for them by the com. Visitor—a retired merchant, willing to devote a portion of his and being injured while in service, was undoubtedly entitled to a pension, but owing to lapse of time and the difficulty of obtaining it, the matter was referred to the attorney. Our Visitor took the matter up, and gave it devoted attention; and after much correspondence has succeeded in having the claim so far allowed that the securing of the pension is a matter of but a brief delay. Thus the services of this faithful Friendly Visitor is the means of securing to a deserving man that to which he is fully entitled, and which will enable him to spend his remaining days in comfort outside the alms-house.

No. 253. A prominent relief society asked the committee's co-operation in treating the case of a worthy widow whom they had aided temporarily, but were unable to assist in such a manner as to render her self-supporting. The mother and two daughters, aged 18 and 13, were unemployed, the only one at work being a girl of 16, who earned but \$2 per week "behind the counter" of a large dry goods house. The case was placed in the hands of a judicious Friendly Visitor, whose first care was to find permanent and well paid work with a dressmaker for the eldest daughter, who had experience in that trade. Next the Visitor secured enough work for the mother in private families to occupy all her time. For the girl of 16 an opportunity has been provided to learn the millinery trade, where her wages will be, after a little experience, at least three times as much as she is at present earning. The youngest daughter will remain at school a little longer. The family is now by these steps completely self-supporting, and gives excellent promise of remaining so. Thus we have reduced the relief-rolls of our Friendly Co-operating Society, and have secured adequate and permanent self-help without the corrupting and enervating effects of dependence on temporary relief.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

In April dealt with 115 cases, of which 6 were put into institutions; casual relief was procured for 8, 35 were provided with work, 20 were made self-supporting, 1 family was broken up, and 3 frauds were suppressed. 1 painter needs work; also several good women, viz., dress-makers, housekeepers, monthly nurses, and good house-servants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 385. A worthy woman, of good family, had some property, which was dissipated by a worthless husband, who finally deserted her, leaving her with 5 boys, from 6 to 14 years old. Long-continued effort to put them on a self-supporting basis failed, until the project of sending them from the city was proposed; and a wood-working factory in Delaware offering plenty of light work, they decided to go there. Accordingly they were properly equipped, transportation was secured, and all 6 persons (5 of whom were able to work) were emigrated. A cottage of 4 rooms at \$3 a month was provided for them. The pay, though small, sufficed to meet their urgent wants, but as they became more skillful the wages (which were by the piece) were increased. They now write enthusiastically of their new surroundings and opportunity for self-support, and feel encouraged and hopeful, not only as to present support, but also as to future comfort and independence.

No. 489 illustrates one of the many cases of strangers who appeal to ministers and churches for relief. A man of 58, and woman 43, living in wretched quarters in a damp, deep basement; a nominally furnished room at \$7 a month. The man with a very plausible story, applied to a clergyman of the District, whose sympathies were aroused by the existing conditions, and who referred it, as an apparently worthy case, to the Committee. Food and rent were supplied. The woman had contracted rheumatism in the damp lodgings, and was removed to St. Luke's Hospital. A good suit of clothing supplied to the man by the clergyman was pledged the next day for \$3. Investigation proved that the woman had been married in Wales, and had left her husband there; then came to this country with a Frenchman, with whom she lived for some time here, and also in St. Louis, where husband No. 2 now resides. About six years since she fell in with the present so-called husband, with whom she has since lived in degradation and poverty. Too lazy to work, he has exhausted almost every resource open to beggars, and she dragged out a miserable existence earning small sums by occasional work, which paid the rent, and the balance went for intoxicating drinks, of which both made free use. Wealthy relatives in South Wales refuse, in consequence of her abandoned career, to help her. Her present illness is incurable, and the result of her self-indulgence. They have no claim on private charity, and should be compelled to resort either to honest work or the public institutions.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, WM. S. BARRETT, *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of 4th avenue and the Bowery. Office, 124 St. Mark's place. Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, *Agent*.

In April cared for 39 cases, of which 1 was put in a hospital, relief was procured for 7, transportation for 3, and work for 17, 5 families were graduated into self-support and 3 families and 2 men were emigrated where work was awaiting; 1 family was broken up. Friendly Visitors are much needed in this District.

14 good women want more days' washing, 4 want more sewing, 2 good men want places as watchmen, and 6 as porters, 1 partially blind but useful man, and 1 deaf mute, who is a fair penman, want work at living wages; 1 old soldier needs light work, street sweeping, &c. Will you not help these persons to *earn* their daily bread?

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 411. To show the need and work of Friendly Visitors, we state a case where much might be accomplished if it were taken up heartily and judiciously. As will be seen, no money is required, but simply an earnest desire to serve a fellow creature. A widow, American, but of German parentage, with four children, 21, 15, 12, 7. The girls 15 and 7 have malformations of the lower limbs and arms, and have been under treatment at the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled, but not much can be done for them. To add to the mother's misery, the son 21 was badly burned at a fire in a factory where he was employed six years ago, his arms and hands suffering principally. This incapacitates him for any skilled or heavy work, and he does not usually earn much over \$2.50 per week. The daughter 15 sews glass buttons on cards, her mother going to and fro with the work. The buttons are brought home all sizes, shapes and colors mixed together. They must be washed and sorted carefully; then the cards must be perforated where the buttons are to be placed. It frequently takes an entire day before the child feels she is earning any money. Then two dozen buttons must be placed on each card, and when one dozen cards are completed she has earned the munificent amount of 5 cents. If work could be obtained from another button or other factory, where better prices would be paid, it would be a great assistance to the family, and encourage the girl, who feels so despondent at her ill-requited labor. This is just where a Visitor is required, some one who could spare the time to discover and secure suitable and better paid work. Also the mother requires more laundry work, the tidy condition of her home indicating how well she could do the work. Who will help to hold up the hands of this brave woman, who, instead of bewailing her misfortunes, thanks God for giving her health and strength to work for her family? This case can be made self-supporting, probably without the gift of one dollar, but needs the friendly personal service which money will not buy, and compared with which alms are insignificant and pitiful.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

In April he interrogated and directed 108 cases to the proper charity, and investigated and treated 158 cases. Of the latter 7 were placed in hospitals and institutions; relief was procured for 51, 1 loan was effected, work was found for 2. Families were emigrated where relatives could care for them, and 1 where it could be self-supporting; 2 families were removed to a better abode, and 9 frauds were exposed and suppressed.

ILLUSTRATED CASE. No. 338. A young girl sick, nervously prostrated, and utterly destitute, appealed for a temporary home; had worked in a patent medicine factory pasting labels on bottles at \$6 per week, of which she paid \$4 for board, 50 cents for washing, and as she was ill most of the time, most of the remainder was spent for medicine; had been out of work two months, and was in debt for board; had a letter of recommendation from her physician; that day had

called at two institutions of her own church, but could not be received—one protecting only fallen girls, and some other rule forbidding the other. Her illness was evidently due to anxiety and want of proper nourishment. As her landlady had consented to give her one more day's shelter, we advised her return to her boarding-house for the night. Immediate investigation gave satisfactory evidence of her blameless character and hard struggles. The next day we secured her reception temporarily into the Children's Aid Society's Lodging-house in St. Mark's place, and applied to the Home for Convalescents for admission there, that she might rest and have needed nursing. The request was granted and the girl placed there. From time to time report was made to us of her improvement, and after a few weeks' rest she called to say that the matron had found a situation for her in a small family for light house-work. The prospect of a home where she could support herself delighted her, and her gratitude for all the care received was affecting. Later the lady employing her called to report her own satisfaction and interest, and the prospect that the arrangement was permanent. This was one of the sad cases of a homeless, friendless, sick and destitute girl, who needed a prompt response to her cry of real and worthy distress. It also suggests how much better, in every respect, is private family life for such girls than the precarious ill-paid existence of the average shop and working girls.

STREET BECCARS.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 20. A blind French fiddler begging, led by a dog, with tin money box on his breast. No excuse for begging or pretending to be needy. Satisfactory evidence was found that he was worth nearly \$20,000. He had also boasted to that effect, and that when he had saved up that full sum he should retire to France and live on his money. His wife is a skilled flower maker, and can support them both if she chooses to work, but prefers to force him on to the streets to beg. They live in comfort, and with every indication of thrift and plenty. They have two married daughters, able and desirous to provide for the old couple if he will stop begging, but whose husbands have moved their families from the city for shame of his disgraceful mode of life. French gentlemen, including a prominent Catholic priest, called to thank the Society for removing what they held to be a stigma upon the people of that nation. Committed for six months, but the Society consented to his prompt release on condition that he would stop begging.

No. 115. An Italian crippled beggar—a professional for many years. Usually begs while a companion plays an organ. Committed for six months. In a few days, failing to get out, he retained and employed a lawyer, who owned that he was well paid, to secure his release. The Society assented to his discharge, on condition that his lawyer would procure the written agreement of two respectable Italian citizens that they would see that he kept off the streets and had suitable work, which was done.

No. 90. A girl of 22, five years past well known on avenues on Sunday begging of congregations coming out of church, and also daily down town at offices and elevated stations. Always had a touching tale of a distressed mother. The mother, a sister and two brothers all working and respectable, but this girl preferred an indulgent life of beggary and vice. Officer found she had not been home for months, but lodged in low resorts in worst quarters of the city, and her family felt deeply disgraced. Sent to Penitentiary for six months, having been known by the judge for a long while.

No. 72. A young man writing begging letters, pretending only to want work, selects his victims by securing reports of leading relief societies and writing to their contributors. Not known to have done any honest work, and always able to pay his board promptly.

No. 25. A blind man, led by a drunken woman, who begged at offices in Exchange place and Broad street. They had no home, family or friends, but easily begged enough to live in vicious and filthy resorts, and to keep them provided with liquor. With this life they were content. Were provided with clean and comfortable quarters on the Island, with work for the woman.

No. 61. A woman, with a small basket of dirty candy, crouches in doorways near Union Square, and tells a pitiful tale of a sick husband and hungry children. She has no sick husband, but many well ones, and her children are all in institutions. Her habits are so bad that she is constantly being turned out of hired furnished rooms, even in vicious quarters.

No. 16. A half intoxicated couple picked up much alms on 23d street and in the stores thereon. Both able but unwilling to work because begging was easier, far more profitable, and gave full opportunity for self-indulgence. They lived in low lodgings, and being homeless, filthy and ragged, kindness required that they should be sent where labor, cleanliness and regular habits were obligatory.

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WORK.—The Society strive to make employment the basis of relief in every case where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever any kind of service is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if statedly given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

EX. CONVICTS.—It is not safe to deal with or assist any real or pretended ex-convicts, except by referring them (or better still, by going with them) to the Prison Association, No. 65 Bible House, or to the House of Industry and Refuge for Discharged Convicts, 40 East Houston street, corner of Mott. Many falsely pretend to be convicts, because public sympathy is so deeply touched by the difficulties which this class encounter.

OF THE

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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE, 79 Fourth Ave., June 15th, 1884.

The Society's Work May, 1884.

The records of the several departments show more than double the work done in May, 1883, evidencing a satisfactory growth in the usefulness of the Society to the community.

The District Committees are maturing plans for co-operating with and promoting the so-called summer charities, whereby the peculiar forms of suffering, which the heated term brings to the poor, may be mitigated and sanitary and hygienic conditions may be improved, as much as possible. Attention is also being given to carrying out those measures of prevention and improvement which can best be effected when applications for relief are lessened, home expenditure is reduced, and employment is more abundant. It must not be forgotten that a cardinal principle of the Society is that of *preventing pauperism*.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received. . . 1,220	Number of Reports sent out. . . 183
New cases and removals. . . 1,130	Special Investigations made. . . 101
Total Number of Reports on File, 63,734.	

The District Committees Report for May.

Cases considered. 479	Procured relief for. 81
Directed to the proper	Aided by loans. 5
Charity. 195	Secured work for. 147
False addresses. 9	Made self-supporting. . . . 143
Worthy, continuous relief	Emigrated. 28
" temporary " 71	Families broken up. 6
Needing work instead of	Frauds exposed or sup-
relief. 130	pressed. 31
Unworthy of relief. 52	Investigations for Hos-
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-	pital Churches, &c. 81
lums, &c. 20	Friendly Visitors on duty 134

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER.

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 97 cases during the month:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
6 Begging Letter-writers.	28 in cheap lodging-houses.
48 Sidewalk beggars.	27 in their own homes.
26 House-to-house beggars.	13 gave false addresses.
14 Society "rounders."	9 Station-house lodgers, &c.
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
29 helpless through infirmity.	4 needy and worthy.
42, or 44 per cent., able-bodied.	7 had ample means.
26 blind or crippled, but able to	38 shiftless and idle.
help support themselves.	26 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 31 warned, directed and counselled, 36 committed for 1 month to six months, 8 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult the State Board of Charities, or with this Society before contributing funds to aid

N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.	Hibernian Union Club.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian	Manhattan Benevolent Association
Home, alias Home for Children,	Hudson " "
and Seminary for Girls, St.	Irish American " "
Nicholas ave. and 153d street.	Penal Reform Aid.
Reform Charity Union.	Free Dispensary of N. Y.
St. Stephen's Guild.	Society of Holy Innocents,
Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.	Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's
	Cleft Mission."

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Asch, Henrietta
Bennett, Luke Francis
Berniger, Mary
Buckley, C. S.
Cameron,
Cardani, Angela
Cedarburgh, Louis
Clark, alias Groushenan, George
Donnelly, Ann
Ferris, Theodore (colored)
Groushenan, alias Clark, George
Hall, Henry and Etta

Leahy, Daniel
Lindner, George
Lowenthal, Gustav
Lucas, William
Meredith, James E., Jr.
Moll, Jules and Catherine
Moulton, Selina
Nichols, James and Belle C.
O'Rourke, Margaret
Palmer, alias Swan, Mrs. E. A.
Shay, Nancy
Smith, Mrs. Augusta

Hall, James
Holder, John Josiah
Hopkins, Catherine
Huyler, Mrs. Louise, alias Mrs.
Jones, Mrs. Taylor & Mrs. Tyler
Jamieson, J. F.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D., alias Mrs. E.
B. Tompkins
Johnson, William
Jones, Mrs. John, alias Mrs. Huyler,
Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Tyler
Kempster, Charles
Lasar, Mrs.

Swan, alias Palmer, Mrs. E. A.
Taylor, J.
Taylor, Mrs., alias Mrs. Huyler,
Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Tyler
Tompkins, Mrs. E. B., alias Mrs.
H. D. Johnson
Twinn, Julia
Tyler, Mrs. Ogden H., alias Mrs.
Huyler, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs.
Taylor
Vogle, John
Whitney, D. M.
Willis, James

(Please keep all these lists for your future protection.)

The Episcopal clergy are warned against the following. A well dressed man of about 45, grayish whiskers, quiet gentlemanly manner, personates distant clergymen of distinction, and borrows money thereby. Well posted about leading ministers and general church matters. Recently collected money in Providence, and left for N. Y.

Also, a Polish Jew, quite small, very dark, large nose, wears glasses, about 25 years, marked accent, well educated fluent and plausible, quiet manner and low voice. Generally asks help to procure outfit to start the eye-glass business and support himself in view of changing his religion. Gives name of G. S. Kramer, but may have others. Has swindled ministers in Utica and Providence, and has begun operations in New York and vicinity.

Also be careful of applications from Adolph Meyer, and — Adler, both pretended converted Jews.

Rev. W. T. A. Smith (colored), against whom we warned our members in February, and whose arrest at Norwich, Conn., we chronicled later, pleaded guilty to a long course of swindling, and was sentenced to 6 months in the common jail. His "specialties" were pretended minstrel bands from a Western seminary, and pulpit and Sunday-school appeals for contributions to erect a mission house in Senegambia. Despite frequent warnings pastors and superintendents continued to receive him without reliable information, and permit him to collect moneys from their charge, to be expended without any known accountability.

The Society cautions down-town offices against a one-legged colored man who begs for money to buy an artificial leg, when he already has a good one, which leaves at home when he begs, and which he often pawns for money to buy liquor.

Also, against a colored man who asks help to send his family South, and solicits a situation as cook for one of his family, saying she can be seen at the Bible House.

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Bacon, Mrs. Daniel P. 25 00	Lehman, Bros. 10 00
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Howe, Walter 10 00	
Howell, Mrs. R. S. 5 00	

Total, \$962 00

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

In May it dealt with 24 cases, of which 8 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 6, work was secured for 17, 8 were made self-supporting, 2 were emigrated, and one fraud suppressed.

Two young Germans, who wrought as carpenters one year in Germany, want chance to work where they can perfect themselves in their trade; 1 strong man wants place as porter or driver. The Agent can also supply women to wash, scrub, or do plain sewing, at any time.

All these are known to the Committee, and can be recommended. The true charity to them is to give them work at fair prices. Residents are urged to remember them when requiring.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 3.—A widow 58 years old, alone, very poor, sick and destitute, and without friends, was living in a shanty near the river, and subsequently moved to a neighboring cellar. Thorough investigation proved her to be worthy and needy. The Visitor assigned to the case, by constant friendly attention, led the poor woman to open her heart. She was born in London, was the granddaughter of a prominent officer in the British army. She married a Scotchman and came with him to this country nearly 40 years ago. The husband did a successful business for 25 years. Three children were born, and died young. They lived in their own house on a fashionable street in the winter, and in their own cottage at Red Bank in the summer. The husband endorsed for a friend, lost everything, and at the age of 50 died, leaving his widow penniless and alone. For several years she retained her home by keeping boarders, but her husband's creditors finally took it from her. Too proud to seek help from former social friends, she then eked out a scanty living selling "notions" from door to door, until privation and exposure had completely prostrated her. Her immediate needs were promptly provided for. One of committee, a physician, visited her and pronounced her disease consumption engendered by want and living in a cellar. She was taken to Charity Hospital, where she received every care and attention that was possible, but it was too late. Suffering had done its work and she failed rapidly. Finding a cure hopeless, admission was secured to the "House of Rest for Consumptives," at Tremont. Friends of the Committee provided a full outfit of clothing, and removed her from Charity Hospital to the House of Rest, which seemed a paradise to her after her long struggle in the painful surroundings in which she had been obliged to live the last few years. There, surrounded by many of the comforts and luxuries to which, in the former years of her prosperity she had been accustomed, and which her new found friends have secured, she is peacefully awaiting her end, a very picture of content, and satisfaction. To the Visitor, at her last call, she said, "But for your Society I might have died in the Almshouse."

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

In May it dealt with 39 cases, of which relief was procured for 3, 1 was helped by a loan, work secured for 33, 14 were made self-supporting, 20 were helped out of difficulty by developing their own resources, 2 frauds exposed, and 2 families removed to better abodes. 2 families were emigrated to where they would be supported, and 1 family was broken up to save the children. 17 women want extra day's work at washing, ironing, house-cleaning, etc.; and 3 good seamstresses can be supplied; 2 men want coarse labor, and 1 butcher needs a situation; a one-armed man wants to be watchman and a boy, not very strong, needs work; all these are believed to be honest and reliable. Ladies cleaning house are earnestly asked to send to the office for needed help, which we can promptly furnish.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 411.—A physician reported that a woman was taken suddenly ill, two days after her husband, who had been out of work for two weeks, had left for Newport in search of employment. 4 little children were running about half dressed. At first sight it seemed as if nothing could be done, save to send the woman to a hospital and have the children committed to an institution to await the mother's recovery, as she had no relatives in the city. However, after the examination, which so many think inquisitorial, it was found that a young woman, who had lived in the house about a year before, was much attached to the children, but she had married and gone away. Her address was with difficulty hunted up, and the state of the family communicated to her, when she immediately visited them and took the whole charge of them. Two days after a postal was received from the husband, stating he had found employment and would send for his family at once. The wife is almost recovered, and will soon join her husband, who has sent money for that purpose. By timely action the family was saved from being broken up, and helped to proper and adequate care, and all without the outlay of a penny of alms.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, J. H. EMERSON, M. D., *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

In May it cared for 24 cases, 1 was placed in an asylum, relief was procured for 3, work was found for 11; 10 were made self-supporting, and 4 families were emigrated to where they could be self-sustaining.

The following need work, viz.—3 laboring men, 4 women for day's work, 3 good laundresses and 2 dressmakers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 260.—An intelligent and respectable man and wife were brought to face absolute starvation through sickness and lack of work. They refused to accept charitable relief, and although there was no food in the house, would not go where it could be gratuitously had. A few days' work was found for them, and the man also procured for a day or two employment for himself in loading stone; but the hard labor and want of food had rendered him unfit for the heavy work, and he was taken sick. Upon recovery, one of the Committee made personal effort and secured him familiar and easy employment at his trade as an ironmoulder; while at the same time, through the co-operation of 8th District a house was secured for the wife to take care of through the summer, thus putting them in an independent position of self-help without any loss of their self-respect by their acceptance of relief.

No. 328.—Having a call from Unionville, Conn., for farm help, and no one to send, we made application to Capt. Matthews, of the Children's Aid Society's Lodging House, 314 E. 55th street, who promptly provided and sent two orphan boys, whom he knew to be industrious and reliable. They have given perfect satisfaction, and there is a call for more boys of the same kind.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, GEO. C. KOBBE, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In May it treated 35 cases, procuring temporary relief for 1, and a loan for 1, employment for 15; 5 were made self-supporting, and 4 frauds were exposed and suppressed. 6 trustworthy women need day's work during the latter half of the week, and 3 need sewing to do at home. No men on our list, who can be recommended, are out of work at present.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 169.—A poor widow of respectable character and good intentions, but whose energy had been greatly sapped by dependence upon charitable relief, asked aid. She had 3 children (2 boys 13 and 8, and a girl 11). All in good health, but none were earning. It seemed that the family should be self-supporting if earnest and rightly directed. Placing the case under a judicious Friendly Visitor, employment was sought for the mother. Being a good washer and ironer, we soon secured for her sufficient permanent "day's work" in private families to keep her busy. The Visitor's efforts were directed mainly toward stimulating and encouraging the mother to keep the work thus secured for her, and also toward discouraging any further dependence on temporary relief. These faithful and protracted endeavors bore good fruit, for the woman has for a long time kept steadily at the work provided, and has been entirely self-supporting. The boy of 13 was idle for some time, but, by steady pressure on the mother, has been put to learning a trade. The family is now beyond the need of aid. The Visitor still continues the friendly oversight to make sure that all their opportunities are improved, and that no step backward is taken in the old direction.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

In May dealt with 104 cases, of which 7 were put into institutions; casual relief was procured for 2, 52 were provided with work, 40 were made self-supporting, 40 were adequately helped by aid in developing their own resources. 1 family was broken up, 3 families were emigrated, and 7 frauds were suppressed.

The following need work: 2 dressmakers, 6 laundresses, and 7 scrubbers and cleaners, 1 kalsominer, 1 copyist, 1 janitor.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 439.—An English family, educated and refined, came to New York from South Africa nine months since; were unsuccessful in obtaining employment, suffered from hunger, and finally when brought to the notice of the Society, had just been dispossessed for non-payment of rent. No opening offering here, the father, by the co-operation of his Church with the Society, was emigrated to Kansas in February last. The father found speedy employment and the wife was aided to find temporary work. Their two children were placed in an institution, and, after sending \$27 for the relief of his wife, he decided that they could do well in the West. He accordingly put up a log cabin, and other necessities were accumulated for the comfortable reception of his family. A friend of the Society took upon herself the responsibility of collecting the necessary funds for the journey. Clothing, &c., from the pawnshops, was redeemed, necessities of all kinds were supplied, and after many anxious months the mother and her two children started for their Western home full of hope and happiness. The promises for the future are very bright, and their evident honesty, intelligence and industry combined bid fair to supply all their wants.

No. 583.—A widow writes to one of our wealthy and benevolent citizens thus: "Pardon, dear lady, a widow dependent on her own resources, for calling your attention to her pitiful case. Without friends, work or money, I reside with an invalid daughter at No. ———. For days I have been without the means to provide my afflicted child with the nourishment and medicine for which she suffers, &c." Visitor called about noon. Widow aged 60, and afflicted "child" 38 years of age, were at lunch; table, with clean white cloth, was supplied with a meat pie, bread and butter, tea, milk, sugar, and a dish of fruit, all in abundance. The daughter said she was married 20 years since, and after 10 years of luxury with an indulgent husband he failed in business, became despondent, finally dissipated, and then they separated, since which time she supported herself making ties at \$5 per week. Ill-health, she says, prevents her from following her trade at present, thus the distress. On investigation we learn that she has lived for more than 4 years a most immoral life, under four different names, and neither of them the true one. There is no sickness, other than occasional fits of hysteria brought on by immoderate use of stimulants.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, WM. S. BARRETT, *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of 4th avenue and the Bowery. Office, 124 St. Mark's place. Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, *Agent*.

In May cared for 22 cases, of which relief was procured for 6 and work for 7, 2 families were graduated into self support and 3 families (of 14 persons) were emigrated where work was awaiting, or friends would care for them. Friendly Visitors are much needed in this District.

14 good women want more days' washing, 4 want more sewing, 2 good men want places as watchmen, and 6 as porters, 1 partially blind but useful man, and 1 deaf mute, who is a fair penman, want work at living wages; 1 old soldier needs light work, street sweeping, &c. Will you not help these persons to *earn* their daily bread?

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 474.—We need a Friendly Visitor for the following case. A recent widow, 27 years old, with 4 children of 7, 5, 3 years and 2 months, starting forth with the false idea that she will be supported by relief, and will make up any possible deficiencies by a little work. "You know," she said to the agent who had called, "if I can only get along until November I shall have no trouble, because all the societies will begin to help then. A woman told me not to begin washing for I'll only kill myself." There is no doubt she will need many a friendly hand before she has brought her little family to the time when it will be self-supporting, but is it right to teach her to depend entirely on others and to rob her of her energy in this way? Will some one come forward and help us by assuming the charge of this case? She is a bright young woman, well worth working for and with, but she needs some one with tact, judgment and sympathy to devise ways for her, and patiently study out and guide the case; otherwise this family will soon sink into hopeless pauperism.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

In May he interrogated and directed 108 cases to the proper charity, and investigated and treated 132 cases. Of the latter 4 were placed in hospitals and institutions; relief was procured for 50, 3 loans were effected, work was found for 12, 4 were made self-supporting, 3 families were emigrated where relatives could care for them, and 10 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 388. A New Scheme.—A middle-aged, plain but apparently respectable woman applied as just arrived from Albany, for help to procure work, and immediate aid to pay for lodgings while seeking it. After several contradictory stories produced a slovenly-drawn order on the Society for \$10, purporting to be written and signed by two wealthy ladies, mother and daughter, residing in Fifth avenue—an obvious and stupid forgery. A false name and impossible address were also given. Without disclosing our suspicions the woman was instructed to call for the money next morning, and was followed, without her knowledge, to her lodgings—an expensive and respectable boarding-house in a most genteel neighborhood. The evident superior character of the house and its inmates made investigation very slow and delicate, but it was finally ascertained that two sisters came from near Albany to attend a religious Convention, securing free entertainment and other usual advantages at expense of the Convention; and one sister attended the meetings while the other made a business of raising money from charitable persons and societies under various false pretexts. The same thing had evidently been done for more than 15 years, the sisters getting an annual vacation and visit to the city at expense of their church, and securing their annual shopping and their year's pin-money at same time. They even went to the extent of applying to the Dept. of Charities and Correction for a free pass back to their home as *paupers* at public expense. Full proof being secured, they were exposed to the Committee on Hospitality of their church and to their landlady, and were permitted to return home with the forgery held in abeyance during future good conduct.

No. 371.—An old gentleman suffering acutely from physical and nervous exhaustion was reported to the Society as destitute and penniless at a well-known down-town hotel where he had resided for 25 years. Investigation proved him a man of unblemished character, who, as a merchant, had made an honorable record, but with varying fortune, until reverses had exhausted his means and illness supervened. For three years he was obliged to subsist principally by gifts from the hand of friendship never withdrawn, till from the sensitiveness of his nature his applications ceased, and his benefactors lost sight of him. For six months previous to the Society's interference he was so sorely pinched for the necessities of life that when found he was confined to his bed from utter exhaustion and required instant medical aid. He is a bachelor, all his relatives are dead, and his lonely destitution was fast wearing his life away, and threatened to unhinge his mind. His landlord had most kindly permitted him to occupy his room without pay for several months, out of regard for his long and honorable experience with him, but had no idea of his utter lack of food. A competent physician was at once sent, who reported the man very low from "inanition." Physical aid was promptly secured for him, and he was assured of adequate and permanent relief. This put new life and hope into him, and his gratitude was touching. His old business friends were advised of his extremity, and rallied at once to his aid, making full provision to assume and fulfill the pledge of the Society for his future support. Thus by timely and pains-taking action this poor man's sufferings have ceased, and his few declining years are solaced by the friends among whom he had so long maintained an honorable career.

STREET BEGGARS.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 18.—A paralytic Prussian, 30 years old, who prefers a free and easy life at vile lodging-houses to a home in an institution which has been provided for him. Carried a forged letter of recommendation from a physician, which he confessed was written by a fellow lodger, with whom he divided the proceeds.

No. 32.—Old Irish woman, 56 years, disguises begging by pretence of selling pins from 14th to 23d streets. No need to beg. Her son commands a river boat and allows her \$20 a month, and will support her fully, but she finds that begging is more profitable, and enables her to lead an abandoned life.

No. 194.—Irish woman, says she is 101 years old. Is always "starving." Has comfortable home in Cortlandt street, where she has lived 20 years. Hard drinker, but shrewd enough to save proceeds of her begging. Has money in savings bank, and carries considerable amounts in bag around her neck. Her rent is paid up six months in advance.

No. 200.—Italian man, 40 years carries signs on his breast, "I am blind," or "Help poor blind man." Begged near Fifth Avenue Hotel, wearing goggles. Has two good eyes, and is able-bodied. When he had gathered enough would grope into a stairway, count his money, hide his goggles and sign, and walk off briskly to his low lodgings in Thompson street.

No. 201.—Able-bodied Italian, 34 years old. Would twist and spread his legs so as to appear unable to move, and sit playing an accordeon. Came from Italy eight years ago, followed begging, and made money enough to go home on a pleasure trip last year. Lately returned and resumed same business. Lives in a low tenement house.

No. 203.—Irish woman, 58 years, lame street beggar. Has several rooms, and keeps boarders, and has much money saved up.

No. 31.—A cripple, a half-blind American, 26 years old, living a life of beggary which was fast degrading him, was warned several times; he said he was willing to work but was unable, and it was ascertained that he had relatives in a distant city who would care for him. He was brought to the Central Office and measures were taken to have him forwarded to his old home, which was soon after accomplished.

No. 156.—A girl of 10 years was arrested while begging on Sixth avenue. It was raining heavily, and the child was thoroughly soaked. She told a pitiful story of a sick mother and dead father. Investigation found the mother well and hearty, drinking beer in her room with some cronies. She admitted the practice of sending the child out to beg. The child had been begging for a year and had been frequently warned. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was notified, and the judge discharged the girl on her promise to beg no more.

No. 207.—A Polish Jew, of many aliases, bearing a sign on his breast, saying, "STUTIZENS! Please be so kind and buy something of me. I am deaf dumb and blind on one Eye. I have five children and a lame Wife." He peddled shoestrings &c., and bore a license to cover his disguised begging. Found his wife living in every comfort, with no destitution apparent. They have but 3 children, who earned \$12 a week. The wife's ankle was merely stiff from an old sprain, and the man was neither deaf nor blind. Committed for 15 days, the justice remarking that a man who could carry so many lies before him ought to be punished.

No. 353.—A white-haired beggar promenades Broadway carrying a picture frame, in which is a printed statement in English and German that he is blind (lost his eyes in a stone quarry), and has a large family to support. Was found playing poker in Baxter street with 2 good eyes and raking in a pool; and was arrested next day on Broadway while asking the passers-by to "Pity the poor blind." Committed for 6 months.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BEGGING LETTERS.—It is often asked by wealthy persons who receive begging letters from strangers "how do these people get our names and addresses?" We recently enquired of a successful professional in the line, and he replied, "We buy the papers which give the best society news of dinners, balls, parties and weddings, and 'go' for the rich people whose names are given there."

TO MEMBERS.—The Society can give information of several well-recommended and thoroughly respectable persons, suitable to take charge of City dwelling-houses during the summer.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the treasurer or one of the secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. This is particularly so in summer when so many charities are suspended. The Officers will be grateful to any one who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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Telephone No. 380, 21st st.**A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.****CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., October 15th. 1884.****The Society's Work during June, July, August and September, 1884.**

The Summer has been a very busy one. So many Churches are temporarily dispersed, so many Relief Societies suspend, and so many others curtail their work every summer, that the really helpless cases, or the emergency cases likely to arise at any time, have few resources to which to appeal; and the societies that continue in full operation are taxed to the utmost. Relief funds being so greatly reduced in summer, the deficiency must be made up by ingenuity and hard work. While so-called Summer Charities are deservedly receiving much encouragement, many persons forget the very large class of the poor who cannot avail themselves of their advantages.

Besides their customary duties, the District Agents have all done something in securing the benefits of the Fresh-air charities for the families under their care. Thus 815 children and 140 women have been sent to the country for two weeks each; and 57 children, 532 women and 1,121 mothers and children together, a total of 2,665 have been sent to the seashore or country for one day each.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received.....3,824	Number of Reports sent out.....606
New cases and removals.....2,342	Special Investigations made.....278
Total Number of Reports on File, 67,558.	

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....1,800	Procured relief for..... 373
Directed to the proper Charity..... 722	Aided by loans..... 12
False addresses..... 20	Secured work for..... 277
Worthy continuous relief..... 69	Made self-supporting..... 114
" temporary..... 327	Emigrated..... 72
Needing work instead of relief..... 507	Families broken up..... 12
Unworthy of relief..... 155	Frauds exposed or suppressed..... 63
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c..... 109	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c..... 274
	Friendly Visitors on duty 136

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER.

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 376 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
8 Begging Letter-writers.	164 in cheap lodging-houses.
132 Sidewalk beggars.	101 in their own homes.
125 House-to-house beggars.	42 gave false addresses.
48 Society "rounders."	28 Station-house lodgers, &c.
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
72 helpless through infirmity.	11 needy and worthy.
240, or 63 per cent., able-bodied.	42 had ample means.
62 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.	138 shiftless and idle.
	202 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 150 warned, directed and counselled, 144 committed for 10 days to six months, 15 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or this Society before contributing funds to aid:

N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.	Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.	Penal Reform Aid.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children, and Seminary for Girls, St. Nicholas ave. and 153d street.	Free Dispensary of N. Y.
Reform Charity Union.	Society of Holy Innocents,
St. Stephen's Guild.	Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."
Institute for Children, 9 Livingston Place.	Day Star Universal Relief Fund.
Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.	Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in N. Y.)
Hibernian Union Club.	Children's Lunches.
Manhattan Benevolent Association	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th Street.
Hudson	Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Atkins, W. P.	Langenzehn, Moritz and Mary.
Barras, Chas. and Maggie.	Mackey, John. (?)
Bell, Nellie or Eva.	Marshall, Nellie.
Bennett, Mrs. Louisa.	Nuding, alias Kersholt, Bernard and Henrietta.
Braeme, Miss. A. F.	Orr, David.
Carr, James	Price, Almira.
Crocker, Mrs. Annie.	Rappelyea, Rachel or Mary.
Gerner, Alexander.	Sayles, John W.
Hastings, Chas. F.	Thompson, Wm. and Jessie.
Hughes, Francis.	Watson, Joseph E.
Johnson, Joseph.	Wilson, George H. and Jane.
Johnson, Mrs. A.	
Kempster, Charles.	
Kersholt, alias Nuding, Bernard and Henrietta.	

(Please keep all these lists for your future protection.)

The Society desires to rescue a little girl begging from door to door, with a letter signed Mrs. A. Johnson, with a pitiful story of a dead father and a crippled mother. The story is untrue, and the Society will be thankful for information which will lead to the child's reclamation.

Members and constituents are cautioned against responding to written appeals posted on telegraph-poles and other conspicuous places, without conferring with the Society. A leading operator is thus practising.

The attention of benevolent workers is called to the information gathered from the Foreign Consuls in New York City, concerning the extent to which they give supervision and relief to destitute persons from the several countries represented by each Consul. The information may be found on page 56 of the Society's Second Annual Report, and will be useful in disposing of many cases of foreigners applying for relief.

The Society's Clearing-House, or Bureau of Registration

Now has 188 constituents which exchange information through it, viz:—

The Dep't of Charities and Correction,
42 Leading Relief Societies,
19 Institutions for In-Door relief, and
126 Churches and Congregations.

Over 67,500 reports of dependent and delinquent cases are now on file in the Bureau, and 19,147 houses are registered as occupied by these cases.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Alexander, Rev. G., D.D. \$ 10 00	Hubbard, Thos. H. 10 00
Altman, B. 10 00	Hüpfel, J. C. G. 10 00
Beadleson, Wm. H. 10 00	Jarvis, Dr. W. C. 10 00
Blodgett, Mrs. A. B. 5 00	Jones, J. Madison 5 00
Blumenthal, Dr. Mark 10 00	Kyle, James 5 00
Brice, Israel, B. 10 00	Lee, Mrs. B. F. 5 00
Bruhl, D. & M. 10 00	Maitland, Rob't L. 10 00
Bruns, Philipp 5 00	Mathews, Mrs. W. E. 5 00
Carter, Dr. H. Skelton 5 00	Maurer, Henry 10 00
Cash, 1 00	Mayer, Siegfried W. 5 00
Century Co., The. 10 00	Meyer, F. N. 10 00
Ch. of the Heavenly Rest. 25 00	Milbau, Dr. J. J. 10 00
Ch. of the Holy Trinity. 25 00	McKibben, Mrs. Geo. H. 5 00
Clausen & Price B'w'g Co. 5 00	Neuman, Henry 10 00
Collier, Mrs. M. Dwight 10 00	Platt, James N. 10 00
Cooper, Edward 100 00	Quackenbos, Mrs. M. M. 10 00
De Forest, Robt. W. 10 00	Roosevelt, Alfred 25 00
Doelger, Peter 25 00	Ruppert, Jacob 25 00
Drumgoole, Rev. John C. 5 00	St. Matthew's Luth. Ch. 10 00
Eaton, Rev. Theo. A., D.D. 5 00	Sanger, Adolph L. 5 00
Emerson, Dr. J. H. 10 00	Schaefer, The F. & M. Brew-
Fairchild, Chas. S. 100 00	Ing Co. 25 00
Flagg, Miss Maria M. 5 00	Schenck, Wm. G. 5 00
Friend A., through Miss M. 5 00	Sibley, H. W. 20 00
G. Collins. 5 00	Smith, W. L. & A. L. 20 00
Gerard, James W. 25 00	Stinson, Daniel 5 00
H. S. J. 5 00	Stuyvesant, Rutherford 100 00
Hauselt, Charles 10 00	Van Dyke, Rev. H. J., Jr. 5 00
Hawkins' Sons, C. P. 5 00	Walcott, Benj. S. 5 00
Hinman, Wm. K. 5 00	Wardwell, Wm. T. 25 00
Hoffman, Jacob 10 00	Werner, Mrs. Catherine 5 00
Holt, Henry 50 00	Wetmore, Dr. John McE. 10 00
Home Relief Association 5 00	Whitlock, Bache McE. 10 00
Hotel Brunswick 5 00	Winter, George, B'w'g Co. 10 00
	Wysong, Mrs. J. J. 5 00

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the past four months it has befriended 46 families, of whom 15 persons were put into hospitals and institutions, relief was procured for 13, loans were negotiated for 3, temporary work was found for 15, and permanent work for 11, 1 was started in business, 12 were thus made self-supporting, 3 were put on their feet by helping them to improve their own advantages, 5 were emigrated where support or labor awaited them, 3 families were broken up and 3 frauds were suppressed. 8 working girls were sent to the country for 2 weeks each.

Work is wanted for the following:—9 women to do day's work at washing and scrubbing, 4 to do plain sewing, 2 nurses, 1 dressmaker, and 1 music teacher. Also, 3 men, viz.: 1 private coachman (well recommended); 1 laborer, 1 porter or watchman (German).

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 34.—A husband, wife and four young children came under our notice a year ago. He was a first-class custom shoemaker, but through misfortune found himself without work, except cobbling, which in the poor neighborhood in which he lived amounted to very little, and yielded but little for the support of his family. The children were all delicate, the oldest, a boy of 11, having a spinal affection, and needing the constant care of a physician. As a hospital was the proper place for him admission was secured for him in St. Luke's Hospital; where he still is, and improving. A few months after the next child, a girl, had to go also to the hospital for softening of the bones or joints. The constant care of the sick children, combined with their poverty, had severely tried the parents, but the frequent and friendly visits of the Visitor assigned to the case, kept them from discouragement. After much effort the Friendly Visitor succeeded in influencing a charitable person to make the father a small loan, that he might secure a better place for his business. A shop in a good neighborhood was secured and two months advance rent paid. That movement brought him good customers, and with a few friends to recommend him, he has gathered a good custom trade, and now is supporting his family, and is paying back the loan in installments, and expects soon to be independent. The children are still very delicate, the physicians think permanently so; but the business being pretty good, and giving the father constant employment, the mother is able to give her attention to the children.

This case was very distressing at first, but the long-continued efforts of the Friendly Visitor are well repaid now, in the knowledge that the family is self-supporting by the father's own well-paid work, and in the gratitude of the family for the treatment which has lifted them into independence.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

From June 1st this Committee has had charge of 44 cases. 12 persons were placed in institutions, relief was secured for 26, 1 loan was effected, work was found for 11 persons temporarily, and for 42 permanently, 1 was set up in business, 17 were thus made self-supporting, 12 sufficiently helped by developing their own resources, 9 were emigrated where work awaited them, 3 families were broken up to save the children, 5 were removed to better abodes, and 11 frauds were exposed or suppressed. 254 children, 4 women, and 18 working girls have been sent to the country for a fortnight, and 498 mothers and children to the sea-shore for a day each.

The following want work:—18 women at day's work, washing, &c., and 3 seamstresses; and 3 men—one each as porter, shipping clerk, and butcher, one good boy, but not strong, wants a light place.

No. 231. A widow with 4 children, washed and ironed, and went out to general day's work, to support her family. Work being slack she applied for more, which was found for her. The oldest girl, 14 years, was obliged to look after the house, as it was more profitable for the mother to be employed. By exercising the most rigid economy, the mother, through the efforts of the Friendly Visitor, was induced to put by a small sum every week during the busy time. She has thus accumulated a sum sufficient to start a small candy, fruit and lemonade store in rooms near High Bridge, which is bringing her in a comfortable income, and enables her to be at home with her children, who were beginning to show the need of a mother's care. When the woman applied to us she was completely discouraged, and was considering the advisability of placing her children in an institution and going herself to live out at service, for which she was not at all adapted, her health having already given way from hard work.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, J. H. EMERSON, M.D., *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

Since May it has dealt with 99 cases. 13 persons were put into hospitals and institutions, temporary relief secured for 27, 1 helped by a loan, employment found for 32, 6 made self-supporting, 9 were emigrated, 1 family broken up and another removed to healthier abode. 75 children and 15 working girls were sent to the country for 2 weeks each.

Employment will make the following independent: 8 women in washing and scrubbing, 4 in sewing, 1 can teach embroidery and painting, and 1 is a telegraph operator. 3 men want places as light porters, and 1 teacher of modern languages needs pupils.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.—A mother too old and feeble, and a daughter too sick to work, came to our care. The latter till recently was cook during the day in a private family, by whom she was allowed to go home at night to assist in the care of a sick sister, since deceased. The anxiety and want of rest was more than she could bear, and soon after the sister's death she was also taken sick. Every thing in the house was pawned, as they were too proud to ask assistance, and they were found without food or means to get it. They were immediately placed under the care of a Visitor, who secured relief at once, and also treatment and medicine for the daughter, under which she speedily recovered. Shortly after a permanent position was secured for her out of the city, by which she is also able to care for her mother, thus happily disposing of the whole case.

The Committee has had under its care for the past 3 months an educated and refined family, consisting of man, wife and child, who came from Denmark 6 years ago, being married the week before they sailed. After being here 2 years the husband was taken sick, and has been an invalid 4 years, and although he claimed to have a wealthy mother in Denmark, he was reduced to absolute starvation here. Temporary relief was secured for them, and the problem studied as to what permanent disposition to make of them. After much correspondence their statements were verified, that the property really existed to which he had a future claim, but that it was so conditioned that they could derive no benefit from it while here. It was then decided to send them back to Denmark, and to that end the co-operation of 6 societies and 6 individuals being secured, the family was duly forwarded by one of the September steamers, full of joy, homeward bound. The husband's parting words to the Agent on the dock more than repaid the prolonged care and efforts—"Good bye, I can never thank you. I would have died a beggar in New York if it had not been for you. I will never forget you."

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, GEO. C. KOBBE, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROB'T W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

62 cases have been cared for during the summer. 1 was placed in an institution, relief was secured for 26, a loan for 1, employment for 23, 11 were made self-supporting, 2 families were broken up, and 2 were removed to healthier homes, 11 frauds were exposed. 119 children and 9 working girls were given a fortnight's country vacation.

Work is desired for 6 women in washing, ironing and scrubbing. Also 3 men: 1 watchman, 1 coachman and 1 waiter.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 17.—Was as its number indicates, one of the first cases treated by the Committee. A young couple with one girl of 3 years. The parents were found to be diligent alms-seekers, the mother being especially active in that vocation. They were continually "out of work;"—their plea for aid. Both were prepossessing, and as they told their story of distress with an air of sincerity which gave it a semblance of truth, they obtained a great deal of "help" from charitable societies and from benevolent individuals, to whom the officers of these societies at times sent them as being "especially worthy." Their true character being plainly established it was duly recorded in the Registration Bureau of the Central Office, and a request made that members and all constituent societies should stop further supplies. The effect was excellent. Being thus prevented from gathering alms, they were compelled to do the thing that was the most obnoxious to them—go to work. The treatment however seems to have agreed with them, for they have both been steadily at work for a long time, and now the husband has \$50 and the wife \$100 in the bank.

No. 283.—A Visitor of the Society discovered and reported to the Committee the case of a respectable and industrious woman, whose husband had recently died leaving her without means and with 5 children to support. None of the children were old enough to work; 4 of them went to school, the fifth was an infant. The Committee assumed the charge of the case, and with the aid of our Visitor at once secured for the woman the care of 2 children, for whose board she received remunerative compensation. Her church was also requested to give regular weekly relief, sufficient to increase her income to the supporting point. During the summer we sent the 3 oldest children, through the Tribune Fresh Air Fund, to the country for 2 weeks, and from their trip they derived great benefit. Now that cooler weather has come and "day's work" is more plenty, the widow has discontinued the care of the children, and we have obtained for her sufficient work in private families to occupy her time completely, and to afford her an income which with the aid her church gives, is sufficient for the family's support. She has passed through the most trying period of her poverty without being compelled to seek alms publicly, and in no wise has her self-respect been impaired.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., MRS. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

Since June 1st 163 cases have been taken up. 36 have been put in hospitals, asylums, &c., relief has been secured for 26, 1 loan was effected, temporary work was found for 32 and permanent situations for 64; 52 have thus been made self-supporting. 14 cases have been emigrated to friends or adequate employment. 3 families were broken up and 1 moved to more wholesome apartments, 6 frauds have been suppressed, 60 children and 70 working girls were sent to the country for a week and 198 children for 2 weeks; and 611 mothers and children and 363 working girls to the seashore for 1 day.

Employment is wanted for a plumber, a carpenter, 2 janitors, and several men for general house-jobs, 2 excellent dressmakers, 2 seamstresses, and also housekeepers and teachers with the best of testimonials.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 59.—4 years since, an earnest appeal appeared in a daily paper in behalf of a family living in the 9th Ward. The Agent (then in the employ of another society) made a special call on the family on Sunday. Although the visit was unexpected, sufficient misery, sickness and poverty were visible to rouse much sympathy. A goodly supply of provisions and a warm fire were accounted for by the generosity of readers who saw the case noticed in the paper. But two broken chairs, a stove, and a straw tick on which a crippled child lay, were about all the room contained. Hastening away to procure covering for the sick child, and some kind of bedding for the others, the Visitor conferred with the housekeeper, who gave a different color to the picture. Following the clues thus received, the Agent proved that the man had pursued a life of willful idleness and fraud for over a year, living in different houses for months rent free, through false representations. He spent his nights out, his days in bed, refusing work offered to him, and pleading sickness as a reason. These facts being verified and presented to the newspaper, the editor intercepted farther contributions and returned them to the donors. Although partially defeated, he still managed to evade work by going among the merchants and those of benevolent reputations, and by telling them a pitiful story, to which many responded without examination. Soon, however, he became so widely known that his traffic became seriously hindered, and he left for Chicago with his family. There he renewed his course of begging, but the authorities took him in hand, and shipped them all back (in 1882) to New York as paupers. Again he appealed through the press to the New York public, and this Society, then new, was asked to investigate the case. Learning his previous record, he was offered work, but said his complaint would not allow him to do it; although a physician of high standing, who visited him for the Society, failed to find any incapacitating malady. However, he continued for another year to live idly by imposing, every 3 or 4 months, on a fresh reporter of a different paper, and drawing from each sensational sketch enough to pay the cost meanwhile. A year or more since a baby was born, and after some months died. The father invited reporters of two or three papers into his room, the dead child was placed on exhibition on a board placed on top of a barrel. A harrowing scene of want and despair was painted, and aid and sympathy flowed in from every quarter. A well-known clergyman flew to the rescue and offered to bury the child, and sent also much other material relief. To his surprise the undertaker was not allowed to coffin the child; the coffin being hidden in an inner room, and for four days or more the little form was exhibited on the head of the barrel. Finally, over \$700 being realized, the child was buried, but the father could not attend the burial, as he could not "afford to miss the callers still coming," because of the newspaper appeals. Besides the \$700, quantities of clothing, furniture and bedding were sent in. Thus re-enforced the family removed at once to fine apartments, bought an organ and other adornments, and passed themselves off as persons of means, securing several more months of idle luxury. While still enough money remained the man decided to move to another city and go into business there. The story teaches several things: (1.) How easily a family may be corrupted by unwise charity. This was a case of honest misfortune at first, but the earliest newspaper appeal showed the man how much better begging paid than honest labor, and he has not done an honest day's work since, and probably never will till forced to. (2.) How unreliable newspaper appeals are. They are usually made by reporters of little experience in such matters, whose ability to get up a sensational article is their capital. Some of the papers now make it a rule not to publish these appeals without first submitting them to this Society for investigation. (3.) How unjust to the deserving poor, are such contributions to those whose cases have not been searched out. The bitterest comments on such misapplied charity comes from upright, self-respecting men, striving to fulfill their duties to their families and the community, when they find that the people who barely pay them fair wages for their honest toil will lavish hundreds of dollars upon their worthless neighbor as a reward of falsehood and vicious idleness.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, WM. S. BARRETT, *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of 4th avenue and the Bowery. Office, 124 St. Mark's Place. Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, *Agent*.

Has during the season, cared for 63 cases, Relief was negotiated for 12, permanent situations found for 7, and temporary work for 10, 5 cases were made self-supporting, 5 families broken up to save the children, and 1 fraudulent case exposed, 39 women went to the country for 1 week, and 76 children for 2 weeks; and 137 women and girls were sent for a day to the seashore.

Work is wanted for 12 women to go out for day's work, and for 7 to do washing at their homes. 3 good seamstresses need work. We have 13 good men out of employment, viz:—1 butcher, 1 baker, 1 tailor, 7 to care for furnaces, etc., 2 large useful boys, and 1 kalsominer.

CASE 502.—Man, wife, and five children, all under 12 years, and the woman near confinement, had just returned from Europe. The man had been an inlayer of wood, earning \$25 to \$30 per week, but having considerable trouble with his eyes, physicians advised a sea-voyage. He had saved up a considerable sum in the bank, withdrawing which he started with his family and goods for Holland, where his wife's relatives lived. Being unsuccessful after two years trial, he concluded to return to America. They were unfortunately wrecked on the "Amsterdam." In the life-boat the man's arm was so seriously injured that it will be at least six months before he can fully recover its use. At the same time he lost \$150, and had his trunks robbed. The family are superior people, and should be helped out of their troubles without becoming recipients of relief. The difficulty is to secure work for the father that will not require the use of his arm. He claims to have a cultivated voice, and efforts have been made to find employment in the chorus of some place of amusement, but thus far without success. The Committee will be grateful for any offer or suggestion of suitable employment for this case.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

Since May there were interrogated and directed 441 cases to the proper charity, and investigated and treated 581 cases. Of the latter 32 were placed in hospitals and institutions; relief was procured for 241, 4 loans were effected, work was found for 30, 16 were made self-supporting, 15 families were emigrated where relatives or work waited for them, and 29 frauds were exposed or suppressed. 64 women, 20 working girls and 64 children had the benefits of the summer vacations.

Employment is needed for 10 women on the West side, who can do day's work at washing, &c. 1 hospital matron wants a place, also 6 laborers, 4 janitors, 2 porters or watchmen, 1 book-keeper, 1 stenographer, 6 clerks.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.—An Englishman who had lived some years in Canada and a short time in New York, applied to the Society in August, 1883, for employment. He stated that his wife and 2 little children were on the verge of starvation, and he had sought work diligently without success. He had no trade but could make himself useful in any ordinary capacity. The family were found to be in the greatest destitution, and the hope of a living had almost fled. Prompt relief was secured, and farther investigation proved the man worthy in all respects. Reliable persons vouched for him as honest and active, and that misfortune alone had left the family destitute. Four days after his application a situation was procured for him as assistant in one of the best lodging-houses in the city, and after one year's diligent and faithful service he has been promoted to take full charge of another lodging-house, with a good salary and the esteem and confidence of his employers. The family are now happy and comfortable, and fully appreciate the efforts which secured for them the opportunity to carve out an independent position for themselves.

An honest, industrious Swede, 27 years old, had been in this country 4 years, 2 being spent in New York City. By profession a civil engineer, he failed to secure permanent employment, because of incapacity. For a year he was in the habit of inquiring at this office for letters which he hoped to receive from his home. This stereotyped question, his sad face and poverty-stricken aspect elicited pity from all. Evidently his mind was becoming unsound. He had exhausted private and public charities. Not far gone enough to be sent to an asylum, not eligible to a hospital, too young and strong for the Alms-House, there was absolutely *no place* for "poor Hans." A last personal effort to find work for him having failed, no resource was left but to send him back to his old home. Through the kindness of those who had known his trials and hopes deferred, his hunger and cold, sufficient means was collected, and he was returned to his relatives in Sweden. A postal from Rotterdam, and later a letter from Stockholm, assured us of his appreciation of the persevering care which had returned him to relatives who would in future provide for him.

STREET BEGGARS.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 579.—A richly dressed woman of 50 was begging among down-town banks, saying she was a widow, had 2 sick children at home, and was about to be dispossessed. Being detained, her home was visited, and she was found living in handsome style, under another name, with an able-bodied husband and 2 sound children, occupying the whole of a 3-story brick house in good locality. The husband is wilfully idle most of the time, and the wife has for fifteen years apparently been the chief support of the family through her graceful begging. The down-town police had known her for years, but had not investigated or interfered with her. Sent to the Workhouse for 6 months.

No. 462.—An old Italian woman, decrepit and imbecile, was provided with a home on the Island to save her from the cruel alternative of street-begging. A few days later a respectable man accompanied by a lawyer, appealed for her discharge. It was shown that her relatives, with whom she lived, were prosperous and independent; but they, instead of properly caring for her, permitted her to rob the charitable public as a pretended pauper, explaining that they did it "to keep her quiet." The disgrace which they failed to recognize in her mendicancy, covered them with shame when they found she was an inmate of the Alms-House. On giving guarantee that she should not beg again, and should be returned to other prosperous relatives in Italy within 10 days, the Society consented to ask for her discharge, and saw that she was duly emigrated.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Charity Organization Wood Yard, 429 East 25th St.,

is again opened. Members are requested to bear this in mind in ordering their fall supply, and thus assist the Society to apply a labor-test to applicants for relief. Virginia Pine Kindling Wood is for sale at \$4.00 per load, C. O. D., delivered and put in. Please order direct from the Yard by postal card.

HOUSE JOBS.—Faithful men and women, whose conditions have been carefully investigated, can usually be had, upon application to any of our District Agents, to take care of furnaces, cellars and yards, and for positions as janitors, collectors, watchmen, doormen, &c. Householders may often thus give needed employment to some deserving neighbor.

SPECIAL AND EMERGENT CASES often arise in the Society's offices for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private persons to supply the needed relief. The Society will be grateful to any who will send permission to ask their aid in such cases.

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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., November 15th. 1884.

The Society's Work for October, 1884.

All relief agencies are showing increased activity and the time is upon us when real want or habit drives many to seek relief. The depressed times in trade and manufactures are creating many cases of positive distress, but the need is more for work than unea ned relief. It therefore behooves all who can offer work of any kind to be alert to do so now. The opportunity to earn a dollar by honest labor is worth more to any poor man than ten dollars received as a help to live in idleness. The one strengthens character and sustains hope, while the other undermines both. "It is a mischievous idea that to give (no matter how small a sum) is *helping*, and that a refusal is always unkind." Any relief, unless wisely directed by a full knowledge of the facts in each case, is sure to do harm, both to giving and receiver. Giving is easy and often an indulgence; doing good is very hard. If you cannot spend the time to *know* thoroughly any case you would help, send it to this or some other society equipped to do intelligent work, and indicate to what extent you will aid the case if necessary. If you can offer any regular or chance employment, advise the nearest District office of the Society.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received. 1,304 Number of Reports sent out. 196
New cases and removals. 1,128 Special Investigations made. 161
Total Number of Reports on File, 68,862.

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....	595	Procured relief for.....	82
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	1
Charity.....	302	Secured work for.....	120
False addresses.....	8	Made self-supporting.....	75
Worthy continuous relief	21	Emigrated.....	10
"temporary.....	56	Families broken up.....	2
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	166	pressed.....	24
Unworthy of relief.....	50	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, &c.....	86
lums, &c.....	21	Friendly Visitors on duty	135

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER,

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 104 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:

5 Begging Letter-writers.
33 Sidewalk beggars.
55 House-to-house beggars.
11 Society "rounders.

RESIDING:

26 in cheap lodging-houses.
40 in their own homes.
20 gave false addresses.
18 Station-house lodgers, &c.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

32 helpless through infirmity.*
52, or 54 per cent., able-bodied.
13 blind or crippled, but able to
help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:

13 needy and worthy.*
20 had ample means.
35 shiftless and idle.
36 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 150 warned, directed and counselled, 144 committed for one to six months, 15 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or this Society before contributing funds to aid:

N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc. Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society. Penal Reform Aid.
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society. Free Dispensary of N. Y.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Society of Holy Innocents,
Home, alias Home for Children, Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's
and Seminary for Girls, St. Cleft Mission."
Nicholas ave. and 158d street. Day Star Universal Relief Fund.
Reform Charity Union. Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship
St. Stephen's Guild. Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in
Institute for Children, 2 Living- N. Y.)
ston Place. Children's Luncheon.
Tenement Household Aid Ass'n. St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
Hibernian Union Club. East 164th Street.
Manhattan Benevolent Association Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
Hudson
or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's
Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Adams, Geo. and Mary. Chrystie, Margaret.
Allison, Wm. and Catharine. Clary or Cleary, Michael and Isa-
Anderson, Miss. bella.
Angelotta, Caterina. Coles, Rachel.
Austin, Ida. Dean, George and Honora.
Bailey, Samuel A. Dumas, Cath., al. Campbell, al. Moy-
Barclay, John D. nahan.
Belden, James Y. Grey, Clara.
Bennett, Frederick. Hart, Ann.
Benson, James. Hauer, John C.
Blake, al. Robt. Zyll. Henderson, George.
Bond, Eugene. Johnson, Wm., al. Brandman.
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida. Jones, Mrs. Mary.
Bowron, Thomas. Kelly, James.
Bradley, Wm. H. Lingard, Alfred, al. Buckley, al.
Braudman, Thos. C. al. Johnson. Burgess, al. Noonan.
Brooks, J. M. or A. B. McHugh, John, and Julia.
Brown, Rev. M. C. al. Upton. Moynahan, al. Campbell, al. Dumas.
Brown, Sarah. Nicholson, or Nickerson, Mrs.
Buckley, C. S. al. Burgess, al. Lin- Noonan, Chas., al. Buckley, al.
gard, al. Noonan. Burgess, al. Lingard.
Burgess, Fred. al. Buckley, al. Lin- Rowell, Elizabeth.
gard, al. Noonan. Ryer, Mary.
Burns, Betsey. Thompson, Wm. and Jane.
Burns, Robert. Tighe, Chas. and Louisa.
Burton, Wm. Turner, Frank and Emma.
Cabill, Wm. E. Williams Mary, (writes begging let-
Campbell, Cath., al. Dumas, al. ters from Montreal.)
Moynahan. Woodruff, Margaret A.
Campbell, John. Zyll, Robt., al. Blake.

(Please keep all these lists for your future protection.)

A woman of 35, usually giving name of Mrs. Annie Croker, of Jamesburg, N. J., medium height, slender, light brown hair, blue eyes, quick energetic ways, good talker, tells a story of death of husband, and several children, and coming to New York to seek work; which she has found, but needs a little money to return to Jamesburg, and first arrange her affairs. Her story has been carefully investigated and is false in all particulars.

Churches and Societies are specially cautioned against Mrs. Margaret A. Woodruff, (wife of Henry K., a police sergeant), who seeks much aid. Details may be had by constituents to whom she may apply.

Look out again for pretended street lamp-lighters, appealing by letter or in person for money because of sickness or other distress.

There are frequent arrivals among immigrants of young unmarried women with infants. These are warned at Castle Garden that there are no openings for them here, and they choose to remain in the hope of living on charity until something turns up. All relief should be denied, they should be sent back in every case to Supt. Jackson, (Castle Garden) who will return them to their own country.

The Society's Clearing-House, or Bureau of Registration

Now has 191 constituents (Societies and Churches) which exchange information through it.

Contributions, November, 1884.

Baker, Frederick.....	\$10 00	Martin & Sons, J. M. C.....	25 00
Beckwith, Arthur.....	10 00	Meissner, Karl.....	\$5 00
Bennet, Josiah S.....	10 00	Minor, Miss Lucy L.....	10 00
Boas, E. L.....	10 00	Minor, Miss Virginia C.....	5 00
Bostwick, J. A.....	100 00	Moore, James.....	10 00
Clausen & Son, H. B'w'g Co	10 00	Morgan, George H.....	18 00
Conkling, Howard.....	10 00	Odell, Mrs. Jonathan.....	10 00
Conitot, Chas. H.....	10 00	Perry, W. A.....	10 00
Dickie, Edward P.....	25 00	Prime, Frederick.....	110 00
Downing, A. C.....	10 00	Richard, Mrs. C. B.....	1 00
Eaton, Rev. Chas. H.....	10 00	Rogers, Henry H.....	10 00
Einstein, David L.....	10 00	Sawyer, Wallace & Co.....	100 00
Faber, Angelica B.....	10 00	Schiff, Jacob H.....	250 00
Faber, Gustav W.....	10 00	Skidmore, Wm. L.....	10 00
Fernald F. A.....	1 00	Sterry, George E.....	10 00
Fink, Andrew.....	5 00	Stewart, David.....	50 00
Franklin, James R.....	5 00	Stimson, Dr. Daniel M.....	5 00
Fry, Charles M.....	10 00	Taintor, Mr. & Mrs. C. N.....	5 00
Gallatin, Mrs. A. R.....	5 00	Tuckerman, Lucius.....	250 00
Gibson, H. D.....	5 00	Uhl, Edward.....	100 00
Henderson, C. R.....	5 00	Von Post, Mrs. H. C.....	10 00
King, Edward.....	10 00	Wallace, Miss.....	5 00
Knight, George T.....	10 00	Whitehead, Chas. E.....	10 00
Lewis, August.....	10 00	Wisner, Mrs. Wm. H.....	5 00
Livingston, Robt. J.....	100 00	Woerishoffer, Mrs. C. F.....	25 00
Lorillard, Geo. L.....	100 00		

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During October it has dealt with 20 families, and counselled and directed 10 others, 2 persons were put into hospitals and institutions, relief was procured for 4, temporary work was found for 10, and permanent work for 4, 4 were thus made self-supporting, 4 were emigrated where support or labor awaited them, 1 family was broken up and 12 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for the following:—6 women to do day's work at washing and scrubbing, 2 nurses, and 3 young girls to care for children, also 3 men to care for furnaces or as watchmen, and three boys to make themselves useful.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 94.—A year ago, an interesting girl of 11, to whom the work was evidently repulsive, was begging with a basket from house to house and was referred to this office. The usual story of "no mother, and father out of work" was in this case found to be correct. The mother had died two months previous, leaving 2 boys, 7 and 15, and 4 girls, 2, 11, 13 and 17 years old. The elder boy was a good quiet lad in spite of his vicious surroundings, and had worked in a chair factory, earning at times \$3 a week, but was now idle on account of dull times. Still he busied himself gathering fuel, and doing errands for shopkeepers, and thus the family was warmed and fed. The oldest girl had gone out to service, no one knew where, and did not help at all. The housekeeping devolved on the brave little girl of 13, who cooked, washed, cared for the baby, and took the part of mother of the family. The fact that they had lived 9 years in the same house spoke well for them. A friendly visitor was appointed, who took special interest in the family, supplementing their scanty larder from her own table, and a permanent place was soon found for the boy at \$3 per week. Shortly after a situation was secured for the father at \$9 per week. A tendency to occasional sprees being discovered, the visitor brought influences to bear to have him take the pledge, which were soon successful. He has kept his pledge ever since. Soon the back rent was paid up, the visitor still maintaining close friendly relations. Later the oldest sister appeared, well married to an industrious young man, and both decided to live with the family and contribute to its support. Now the boy's wages have advanced to \$6 per week, and the little housekeeper has a situation in a nice family; and the little one who went begging with her basket has been placed in charge of a lady who is bringing her up to a position of usefulness. The young married couple take charge of the house and of younger members of the family, and all are happy and contented now through the friendly personal care which has ennobled them, and given them a perfect independence.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

This Committee has dealt with 33 cases during October, 1 person was placed in an institution, relief was secured for 2, work was found for 13 persons temporarily, and for 5 permanently, 6 were thus made self-supporting, 5 sufficiently helped by developing their own resources, 1 family was emigrated where work awaited them, 2 were removed to better abodes, and 13 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

The following want work:—15 women at day's work, washing, &c., 1 nurse, and 1 seamstress; also a good middle aged woman to care for mending, linen, &c. Also 5 men—one each as porter, private waiter, cigar maker, and 2 useful about a house.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 417.—A man, wife and 4 children, oldest but 7, came to this City from Montreal about the 1st May last, after disposing of all their goods and a profitable business. After several weeks spent in looking for employment, their money was exhausted, and they began to pawn articles of value and clothing. Soon after they were notified to leave their rooms. In the mean time the man had applied to us for work and relief. Two of the children sickened, and the attending physician advised the mother to take them back to Canada. The co-operation of a relief society was here asked and given, and the whole family sent back to their friends, much wiser from their sad experience.

No. 459.—Man, wife and one child of 4 years came here from Holyoke, Mass. last January. Up to middle of October it cannot be found that the man did one day's work, but lived by his wits: among other expedients passing himself off for a physician. To some he claimed to be a graduate of a medical college in Montreal; to others of Bellevue Medical College. The first named cannot be found, and latter has no graduate of the name. Man and wife insisted that they were married and favorably known in Westfield, Mass., which also proved to be false. He also claimed to be a graduated chemist, working for years for a large Boston firm, where he saved much money; which was at one time lost in a Boston railroad scheme, and again in Arizona mines. All were proved to be untrue; but so plausible was he that he managed to procure from charitable societies, churches and private persons money enough to live well, and to indulge his drinking habits for 9 months. After going the rounds of leading relief societies and churches they were sent here in September. Wife had recently had another child, and, when it was 10 days old, they were dispossessed from their furnished room, being 3 weeks in arrears of rent. The wife and both children were provided for until it could be decided that the only proper course was to return the whole family to their legal settlement in Holyoke, to their friends. Suitable arrangements were promptly made, with the co-operation of the Supt. of Out-door-Poor; and in 10 days the support of the mother and children was transferred to the community properly liable, and the city was delivered from the presence of an arrant scamp.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, J. H. EMERSON, M.D., *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

In October it dealt with 44 cases. 3 persons were put into hospitals and institutions, temporary relief secured for 1, employment found for 9, 3 made self-supporting, 1 was emigrated.

Employment is wanted for 6 women in washing and scrubbing, 3 in sewing, 3 men want places as porters or laborers, 3 small girls want places to live out and be trained to be useful.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 362.—We have cared during the month for an interesting and educated mother and 3 children. The husband is sick in Cuba, and the family here were enduring slow starvation, two potatoes and a few tomatoes was all their food for the day when we were called. They had pawned everything negotiable. Immediate and sufficient relief was procured for them; and a careful investigation established their statements of respectability and past affluence.

Through the co-operation of others, relief was extended to them, until, after diligent effort by the visitor to find employment, suitable work has been found for both mother and elder daughter sufficiently remunerative to make them self-supporting.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, e Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

46 cases have been cared for during the month. Relief was secured for 7, employment for 20, 5 were made self-supporting, 1 family was emigrated, and 1 was removed to a healthier home. 6 frauds were exposed.

Work is desired for 6 women in washing, ironing and scrubbing, also for a female clerk, capable of superintending an institution. 6 men need work, 1 tailor, 1 barber, 1 waiter, and 3 men to care for furnaces and cellars.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 228.—A poor widow, in delicate health, having a large family of children, most of them small and unable to work. The case was ascertained to be thoroughly deserving, and after close study, it was concluded that despite the best endeavors of the mother and 2 girls, 18 and 13, who were able to work, the family was incapable of getting along without continuous aid. During a portion of the year we obtained adequate relief for the family from the St. Vincent De Paul and Widow's Societies, and when those societies temporarily discontinued their work we procured it from private benevolent families in the District. The family though dependent has been properly cared for without anxiety and uncertainty, and has not been compelled to seek alms. We still continue supervision of it, and hope to make it entirely self-supporting in due time.

No. 321.—A sick man, destitute and homeless, applied to us for aid to reach London, whence he had come some months before in search of employment, and where he had friends. After arrival here he was unemployed for some time, but finally secured work. Owing to strikes, &c., it was very irregular however, and when he was taken ill, nothing had been saved. The committee's physician examined him and certified that he had heart disease, and would never be able to work again. As the case was one of chronic dependence it was decided best to accede to his request and return him to London where his friends or the authorities would care for him. Being yet unfit to travel, admission to a Hospital was secured for him, so that he might have medical treatment prior to his voyage. Meanwhile we wrote to his friends in London, but found them unwilling to contribute toward his passage home. The Commissioners of Emigration declared that they could not return him to London free, but would supply his passage at a reduced rate. As soon as he was able to travel we secured the necessary amount through benevolent individuals, and accepting the offer of the Commissioners forwarded him per S. S. "Wyoming" Nov. 4.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

92 cases have been taken up during October 8 have been put in hospitals, asylums, &c., relief has been secured for 7, temporary work was found for 5 and permanent work for 20; 40 have been made self-supporting, 2 frauds have been suppressed.

Pupils are wanted for an excellent music teacher for piano or organ, also work for plumbers, janitors, book-keepers, and for several men for general house-jobs, also for some excellent nurses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. In Jan., '83, an old couple applied, vouched for by a District nurse. 40 years in the country and 27 in one house, they had never paid more than \$6 per month rent. They were quiet, industrious and strictly temperate. The man owned a horse and cart, and worked for many years for contractors, and had no want unsatisfied. About four years since he was paralyzed and made helpless. The wife took up the business, but said she was unable to meet their small expenses without aid, and began a round of begging, being without children or relatives. Two Relief Societies assisted them for a time. The wife got two offices to clean for \$4.50 per week; their church society gave them \$1.50 per week in groceries, and paid their rent several times. An old sister of the man asked shelter from them but was refused and sent to the Island. After much complaining, although working steadily, the wife died in July, '83, without previous illness. This left the old man very lonely and helpless, and when the agent proposed to put him in an institution, he refused and said he would trust in God. The old sister came from the Island to the wife's funeral, and agreed to remain and care for her brother. Their church met the funeral expenses, and things assumed the old shape, the sister however doing the begging instead of the wife. The church still aided in groceries, and the rent was paid. Rumors were heard of a good bank-account which the old man denied; and rather than be deemed a miser, he and the sister went back to the alms-house. After five months, in the Spring of '84, he returned to his old rooms, of which, it was learned, he had paid the rent all the time. The sister meanwhile died on the Island, and was buried in Potters-field. The neighbors cared for the old man, but he failed, and in June last he too died, and was buried by the church society. He had given his furniture to his most attentive neighbors; and in removing their gifts after his funeral, the long suspected bank-books for over \$8,000, and deeds for several lots in Harlem, came to light. A distant relative, is the undisputed claimant. Thus all the church and other relief bestowed upon them, went merely to swell their miserly savings.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCENAPP, *Agent*.

It has during October cared for 33 cases, relief was procured for 5, permanent situations found for 3, and temporary work for 16, 3 cases were made self-supporting, 1 family broken up to save the children, and 1 fraudulent case exposed.

Work is wanted for 14 women to go out for day's work, and for 10 to do washing at their homes. 1 nurse, and 2 good seamstresses need work. We have 13 good men out of employment, viz: 11 to care for furnaces, sidewalks, etc., 1 as sexton or janitor, and 1 educated, responsible man for any useful work. 2 small (12 to 15) and 4 large boys (17 to 20) for any suitable work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES.—Two different persons recently reported a family who had applied to both for relief. The Central Office records showed that during the past 2 years this family had been receiving aid from four charitable societies. Investigation showed that there are four grown children in the family who are well able to work, and to support the family. The two oldest girls of 23 and 21 habitually dress extravagantly, and one of them frequents all usual places of amusement. From a reliable shop-mate, well known to the agent, it was learned that one of them had exhibited a sample of silk (of which she was having a dress made) for which she said she had paid \$3 a yd., and this at a time when they were receiving aid from five different sources! When these facts were reported to a society which had given to them regularly, it was replied, "Yes we assisted them until we found out what they were, and then we ceased." There lies the whole difficulty: they had not been careful to find out what they were *before* assisting them. The ill-effects of those years of beggary upon the lives of the four children cannot be exaggerated, and are chargeable to careless charity. The mother, a widow, did the begging; and being a very prepossessing woman, found no difficulty in winning sympathy.

Another family, consisted of man, wife and 3 children. Man "foolish" as his wife expressed it. Not being a skilled laborer, was constantly out of employment, and as usual with this class, when unemployed, in mischief, drinking, etc. It was ascertained that an uncle of the wife's living in St. Paul, Minn., in very comfortable circumstances, could give the husband constant employment, thus keeping him sober, for he was not vicious, but got into bad company when idle. After some correspondence it was ascertained that the uncle was willing to receive the entire family and see them well started, but would not contribute to their traveling expenses. This difficulty was soon surmounted through the kindness of friends of the Society, and the family were sent off under the care of the Children's Aid Society. "Adequate" help of this sort to a family is of permanent value, and does not destroy their self-respect like small doles, which tend rather to keep them in a state of doubt and dependence.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 53 Third Avenue, FRANCIS S. LONGWORTH, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

In October 190 cases were interrogated and directed to the proper charity, and 127 were investigated and treated. Of the latter 4 were placed in hospitals and institutions; relief was procured for 51, work was found for 15, 6 were made self-supporting, and 10 frauds were exposed or suppressed.

Employment is needed for 9 women on the West side, who can do day's work at washing, &c., also 3 laborers, 8 porters or watchmen, 3 book-keepers, 3 clerks, 2 professional nurses, 2 butlers, 3 furnace-men, 1 machinist, 1 elevator-man (with 1 leg.)

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—The papers, some months since, announced a determined attempt at suicide. A German woman recently arrived, discouraged it was said by her husband's want of success, had entered a bath-house, cut her wrists with a razor, and was found bleeding and exhausted. She was arrested for the attempted suicide, and lodged in a hospital awaiting recovery. A Visitor of the Society followed the woman from station to hospital, and gaining the confidence of the excited woman, was told by her that she had been married 12 years, and had no children, to her great regret. She came to America with her husband with several hundred dollars, which they had spent. Disheartened by disappointment she determined to end her life. It was learned that the husband visited her, and was kind and attentive. A German lady had given the man employment and a home. The Society kept a friendly supervision over the woman until her recovery, and secured her discharge at her trial by becoming answerable for her. During this time investigation concerning the antecedents of the couple had been made, and it was discovered that the woman had left her true husband, the man had deserted his wife and three children, and that together they had fled to America; and that it was remorse and shame that had driven the woman towards the further guilt of suicide.

The lady who was giving them a home, and who had been persuaded of their honesty, was called to a consultation. After being reluctantly convinced of the above facts, she informed them of our knowledge. The woman hailed the information with joy, as now she could return to her own husband and home. Within three days she was on shipboard, her passage paid, and necessary outfit given her by friends of the Society. She was carefully watched until ready to sail, and put under suitable care on board the steamer.

The man weeping and disconsolate returned to his work. In due time word came that a loving sister received and sheltered the sick and erring woman, and later, that the forgiving husband was happy in having his wife restored to him.

The man here has been induced to send his monthly earnings to his neglected wife and children, and arrangements are made that in the early Spring they also will again become a united household.

Thus a career of sin and suffering has been stopped in a way that no "almsgiving" could ever have accomplished.

STREET BEGGARS.

No. 626.—A deformed and repulsive Polish beggar has been for years perambulating the City, and picking up much money from a too confiding public. The Society knew that well-to-do relatives of his were able and willing to support him. The man was arrested and committed to the City Prison for 6 months. His friends and relatives then came forward, and appealed for his release, which was assented to on condition that they would execute an agreement to care adequately for him and restrain him from farther begging, which was done and he was discharged.

No. 633-638.—Six house and office beggars, 30 to 40 years old, were followed as they begged in pairs, and drained stale beer kegs on their way to their lodgings at 56 Mulberry St. There they were found in various states of intoxication, herding with abandoned men and women, in rooms too filthy for animals to live in. All were given 6 months at the Work-house. A visit to this and similar dens of infamy will show persons who respond to the average street beggar, what depths of vice and degradation their careless benefactions support.

No. 825.—A well-dressed woman tells, in down-town offices, a pitiful story of being wronged by her employer out of \$48 wages; and has gathered enough from kind and credulous people to live in luxury. Her story was untrue, and she is now repaying a portion of her gains by honest labor in the Work-house.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SOCIETY'S WOOD YARD.

Attention is again called to our Wood Yard, and the Circular of the Committee in charge. Orders for Virginia Pine Kindling Wood are solicited at \$4 per load, best quality and full measurement, put in cellar, payment to be made to the driver on delivery. Members will thus help the Society to apply a labor test to applicants for relief. Please order direct by postal from the Wood Yard, 429 East 25th St.

SPECIAL AND EMERGENT CASES often arise in the Society's offices for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private persons to supply the needed relief. The Society will be grateful to any who will send permission to ask their aid in such cases.

WORK.—The Society strives to make *employment the basis of relief in every case* where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever *any kind of service* is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if steadily given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE. 79 Fourth Ave., December 15th. 1884.

Society's Work for November, 1884.

There is every indication that the winter before us will be one of peculiar hardship to the poor from the paralysis in manufacturing and commercial enterprises, and that the number of applicants for temporary aid will be largely increased. The plainest remedy to be applied is in increased vigilance and care to make sure that no improper persons receive "charitable relief;" and it places a special responsibility upon all relief agencies to avail themselves of every facility for guarding their means from the waste of mis-application. Of these facilities none offers surer protection than the Registration Bureau of this Society, and it may be that the present emergency will supply a consideration sufficiently convincing to secure the co-operation of many of those Churches and others which have thus far not appreciated the value of the protection offered to them by us.

Perhaps the next best remedy is in ways and means for giving work; and no greater charity can be shown to every able-bodied poor person who applies for aid, than to substitute fairly-paid labor for gratuities. It is earnestly hoped that this will be done in every possible case, even though it costs trouble and thought to find or devise the work.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received...1,246 | Number of Reports sent out...233
New cases and removals.....970 | Special Investigations made...154
Total Number of Reports on File, 70,108.

The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....	859	Procured relief for.....	91
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	4
Charity.....	422	Secured work for.....	142
False addresses.....	7	Made self-supporting....	97
Worthy continuous relief	36	Emigrated.....	4
" temporary.....	88	Families broken up.....	1
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	221	pressed.....	26
Unworthy of relief.....	92	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, &c.....	98
lums, &c.....	24	Friendly Visitors on duty	132

THE SPECIAL OUT-DOOR OFFICER.

To assist and suppress street beggars, has dealt with 80 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:

- 11 Begging Letter-writers.
- 25 Sidewalk beggars.
- 31 House-to-house beggars.
- 10 Society "rounders."

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

- 22 helpless through infirmity.*
- 50, or 62½ per cent., able-bodied.
- 7 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

RESULTS: 45 warned, directed and counselled, 12 committed for 10 days to six months, 3 arrested and discharged with reprimand.

*These could be amply provided for by the City Dept. of Charities, so that there was no need for them to beg on the streets.

Some illustrative cases may be found on the last page.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with the State Board of Charities, or this Society before contributing to:—

N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc. Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society. Penal Reform Aid.
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society. Free Dispensary of N. Y.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Society of Holy Innocents.
Home, alias Home for Children, Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's
and Seminary for Girls, St. Cleft Mission."
Nicholas ave. and 153d street. Day Star Universal Relief Fund.
Reform Charity Union. Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship
St. Stephen's Guild. Mission of Reading, Pa., (begs in
Institute for Children, 9 Living- N. Y.)
ston Place. Children's Lunches.
Tenement Household Aid Ass'n. St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692
Hibernian Union Club. East 164th Street.
Manhattan Benevolent Association Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.
Hudson

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

They are also advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to *any* begging letters or newspaper appeals. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Alexander, Thomas.	Lottinga, Samuel.
Babcock, Ellen.	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Cam, Wm. Allan and "Lady"	Miller, A. N.
[Florence,	Moore, Louisa.
Driscoll, Jeremiah.	Newton, Mrs.
Flower, Harriet.	Richardson, James.
Goodrich, Hezekiah and Louisa.	Ryer, Silas and Mary.
Graham, Peter and Mary.	Schoenig, Frederick.
Holt, Roland.	Sheridan, John.
Howard, George.	Sheridan, Mattie.
Jaschitz, Louise.	Siebert, Annie.
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite.	Wilde, John.

N. B.—The most active Begging-Letter Writers at present are:—

Borrebach, Adrian & Ida.	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Harding, Mary R.	Meyers, Ann.
Harris, Ann.	Sheridan, Mattie.
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina,	Smith, Mary Ida.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Solomon, Henry.
Kiely, Ann Lee.	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite.	Williams, Mary Ann.
Lyman, Kate.	Wilson, Jane.

Look out again for pretended street lamplighters, appealing by letter or in person for money because of sickness or other distress.

Persons pretending to beg for certain poor families should be compelled to show their authority and prove their responsibility. Mrs. Swan, who begs for Hezekiah and Louisa Goodrich, is believed to do so without proper sanction or accountability, as also does one Mary Morrison who begs for Mary A. Borland.

Alex. Gerner, whose name has been in our cautionary list, has recently been posting his written appeals on telegraph poles, up-town.

Look out for cards left at houses, signed "a Missionary," recommending a teacher with sick little ones, &c., living in East 22d St. They are written and distributed by an adroit professional.

Contributions, November, 1884.

Amend, B. G.....	\$ 10 00	Ireland, John B.....	\$10 00
Andrews, Constant A.....	100 00	Irvin, Richard.....	25 00
Appleby, Chas. E.....	10 00	Iselin, Andrian.....	100 00
Astor, John Jacob.....	250 00	Iselin, Neeser & Co.....	25 00
Auchincloss, Bros.....	100 00	Jennings, O. B.....	50 00
Audubon, Miss M. R.....	5 00	Johnston, Colles.....	10 00
Barker, Stephen.....	10 00	Kellogg, Charles.....	5 00
Barnes, Mrs. Theo. M.....	10 00	Kerr, Mrs. Amelia.....	10 00
Belcher, Mrs. Eliz. H.....	5 00	Kingsland, A. C.....	10 00
Blagden, George.....	10 00	Kneeland, Mrs. Louisa T.....	10 00
Bliss, George.....	100 00	Langdon, Woodbury G.....	10 00
Bliss, George T.....	25 00	Lapham, Henry G.....	50 00
Borg, Mrs. Simon.....	10 00	Leayeraft, Mrs. Chas. R.....	10 00
Bowdoin, Mrs. Geo. S.....	5 00	Leith, Alex. J.....	10 00
Bronson, Mrs. Isaac.....	10 00	Meeker, Mrs. C. H.....	25 00
Brown, Walston H.....	10 00	Morgan, Mrs. E. D.....	50 00
Brown, Wm. Harman.....	25 00	Morgan, Mrs. M. J.....	25 00
Bryce, Wm. William.....	10 00	McKim, J. H.....	25 00
Bulkley, L. Duncan M.D.....	10 00	Nichol, Mrs. B.....	5 00
Bunker, Mrs. E. H.....	5 00	Olyphant, R. M.....	10 00
Cash, From a Friend.....	25 00	Osborn, Mrs. Wm. H.....	10 00
Ch. of the Holy Communion.....	50 00	Paton, John.....	10 00
Clark, Geo. A. & Bro.....	250 00	Paton, Miss S. S.....	10 00
Cock, Mrs. Geo. E.....	5 00	Pickhardt, Mrs. Wm.....	10 00
Comstock, Miss M. L.....	5 00	Pond, Mrs. Chas. F.....	5 00
Cossit, F. H.....	25 00	Popham, Mrs. S. H.....	5 00
Crowell Stephen.....	5 00	Pyle, James & Sons.....	10 00
Delamater, Mrs. C. H.....	10 00	Rice, Mrs. Wm. B.....	10 00
Dodge, Cleveland H.....	25 00	Schirmer, G.....	25 00
Dodge, Rev. D. Stuart.....	100 00	Slackbay, J. D.....	10 00
Ewen, Mrs. M. L.....	10 00	Sloan, Samuel.....	10 00
Fish, Mrs. Hamilton.....	10 00	Smith, Rev. Alex. Mackay.....	5 00
Fleischmann, Mrs. M.....	25 00	Speyer & Co.....	100 00
Fulton, Elisha M.....	5 00	Stickney, Joseph.....	10 00
Garnier, Mrs. Thos.....	10 00	Sturges, Mrs. Jonathan.....	25 00
Gernsheim, Mrs. M.....	10 00	Suydam, D. L.....	10 00
Gibbs, Theo. K.....	25 00	Tatham, Mrs. Benj.....	10 00
Graham, Mrs. Malcolm.....	5 00	Tod, J. Kennedy & Co.....	10 00
Greenough, John.....	10 00	Turner, H. B.....	5 00
Gunther, Wm. Henry.....	25 00	Vanderbilt, Mrs. F. A.....	10 00
Gurnee, Walter S.....	50 00	Wilkes, Miss Grace.....	5 00
Halsey, Mrs. Fredk. R.....	10 00	Wilkes, Miss Harriet K.....	5 00
Haydock, Geo. G.....	5 00	Willets, John T.....	10 00
Haydock, R. R.....	5 00	Willets, Robt. R.....	10 00
Henschel, Mrs. C. M.....	5 00	Wolfe, John.....	10 00
Hunter, Mrs. M. L.....	10 00	Woodward, Baldwin & Co.....	25 00

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 1258 Second avenue, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

This Committee has dealt with 23 new cases, during November, and directed 9 others. It has placed 2 persons in institutions, aided 1 by a loan, procured relief for 10; found temporary work for 11, and permanent work for 10, nine of whom were rendered self-supporting; 2 were emigrated where work was to be found, or to the care of relatives. It has also suppressed 2 frauds, and removed 1 family to a healthier abode.

Work is wanted for 13 laundresses, 6 women to do plain sewing, 1 dressmaker, 2 nurses, recommended by physicians to care for the sick; 1 coachman, 1 blacksmith, able to do any kind of hard work, 2 errand boys, 1 carpenter, aged 65, willing to take care of a house, and several men to care for furnaces.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 8.—Early in 1883, a widow applied for aid for herself and four children. She was a dressmaker, and had formerly kept a small store and taken a lodger, who helped to pay her rent. She hung her sign out, but it brought very little work, and at last, being unable to meet her expenses, she was obliged to give up her store, and move into a tenement. The Friendly Visitor interested in her behalf some ladies of the Church at which the widow and her children were regular attendants, and they soon procured abundant and steady work for her at dressmaking. The oldest girl, 14, got a place as cash girl in a store during the busy season, and subsequently she and her brother obtained positions in the Mercantile Agency, where they earned respectively \$12 a month. Kind friends enabled the whole family to visit the grandmother in Canada during the heat of the summer. In the fall they returned, strengthened for their work, and thankful for the sound advice and care which had proved so much truer a charity than alms in promoting their independence.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRED'K N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

17 new cases were treated by this Committee in November, and thirteen others directed. Relief was procured for 8, regular work secured for 7, temporary work for 14; 8 were thus made self-supporting, and 11 were adequately helped by developing their own resources; 5 frauds have been exposed.

Work is wanted for 12 washerwomen, 4 seamstresses, 2 girls for general work, 1 woman who can care for an invalid, or for children, 1 cigar maker, 1 currier, 1 boy, and 1 man willing to do any work that offers. All can be recommended.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. 153.—Shortly after this Society was formed, and before the organization of districts, two cases of women were brought to its notice, both of whom claimed to be widows with two children. Two ladies who had long aided them, wished the cases fully investigated. It was found that the cases were identical, and that the woman used several names, one by which she was known to her neighbors, and others under which she begged. She had a boy of two years, and a girl of 8, but they seemed to be frequently changed, justifying a belief that they were borrowed. Measures were taken, at her own request, to send her to Troy, N. Y., which she said was her birthplace, and where she claimed to have relatives, and chances for employment, but where, when arrangements were completed, she refused to go. The Police of Troy could find no such relatives. Those who had helped her were then advised to discontinue aid, and here the matter rested for awhile. When this District was formed, the case again came up, by the reference to it of several begging letters, written to well-known charitable and wealthy people, whose names were obtained through the Society news in the daily papers. These letters were signed either with one of her many names, or those of several cronies, who were in league with her, and who received and divided with her the proceeds collected in this way. Much clothing was thus collected by her, which went at once to the pawn-shop. The woman's life was grossly immoral, she drank, caroused, and told fortunes. It was found that she had legally surrendered her oldest child (whose father was a negro,) to an institution where it was being carefully trained. The woman had recently married, for the first time, a man much her junior, but a short time in this country, and who earned when he would work, \$3.50 a day. He at first objected to her begging, but she employed a crony, who allowed her to use her name and address to receive the spoils, and who sent or carried for her the begging letter, which told a piteous, but false tale of distress. The husband yielded to the inducements to live upon the abundant misplaced charity, became demoralized, and rarely works now. The woman has recently added another boy to the family. Their present condition may be directly traced to the evil results of yielding to appeals for relief without investigation. Any of the givers could have learned the history of the case by simply sending to the Central Office. Many who have referred her begging letters to the Society have been asked to make a formal charge against her, but have objected, and it is only in the present month, after 18 months effort to secure a complainant, that one has been found willing to co-operate; and now Mary Ida Smith, alias Ann Myers, alias Ann Harris, alias Jane Wilson, alias Ann Williams, alias Kate Lyman, is undergoing reformatory discipline for six months in the City Work House. Her children, except her nursing babe, have been carefully placed under suitable care, and are rescued from a life of vice.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *Ch'n*, J. H. EMERSON, M.D., *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street. Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During November 31, cases have been treated, 9 of which were new. 2 have been placed in private institutions, 1 in a State hospital. Relief has been procured for 5, 1 has been aided by a loan, permanent work has been secured for 12, and occasional work for six; 4 have been made self-supporting, 4 have been helped to develop their own resources, and 1 fraud has been exposed.

Work is wanted for 10 women at washing or scrubbing, 4 cooks, 2 nurses, and 3 men as porters or furnace men.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. 359.—A physician, holding excellent testimonials and diplomas, disabled for life by a serious accident, came to America nine months ago, with his wife, a highly educated woman, who hoped to earn more here than was possible in England. Since then they have faced stern poverty and want. A little work was found for them during the summer, and the wife, has now through our guidance and her own exertions, obtained permanent employment, which renders them self-supporting.

CASE 373—Illustrates the time consumed in caring for a simple matter. The Pastor of a young girl of feeble mind-wished assistance in placing her in a State institution. After weeks of correspondence, and many visits, when all seemed favorably settled, an unexpected legal difficulty presented itself, causing the delay of another month, and involving protracted correspondence, before the matter could finally be adjusted, and the girl placed in a comfortable home.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

In November 26 cases were treated by this Committee, and 13 directed; 15 were new cases. Relief was procured for 5, permanent work secured for 1, temporary work for 17, 4 were made self-supporting, 1 was helped by development, 1 family was removed to a healthier place, and 3 frauds were exposed.

Work is wanted for 1 waiter, 1 janitor, 1 fireman, 1 lumberman, all willing to attend to furnaces; also, 8 women for washing, ironing and cleaning, 1 who can act as a clerk, and 1 aged woman, quite active and useful, willing to work for a home.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 335.—Months ago a poor German woman with two young children, had her husband (an idle, worthless fellow, who had not for years contributed to his family's support,) committed to the Island for the sixth time for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. She then, to avoid him when his imprisonment was over, moved to a new neighborhood, where she secured charge of a tenement house, thus getting her own rooms at very low rent. The oldest girl of 13 found work at \$3 per week. The mother, however, who had previously supported the family by washing, etc., lost much work by removal of employers from the City, and the family became very destitute. At this stage, the Committee's Agent had occasion to visit another case in the house, and met the housekeeper who told her own story of privation. The investigation warranted an extra effort to assist her. Work found for her was so well done, that she was recommended to others, and enough was found to occupy all her time, except one day a week reserved for home duties. When her husband's term expired he discovered where she lived, and to her dismay, on coming home from work one night she found him in the rooms. Refusing to leave at her request, she asked the police to remove him, but they also refused, even though he was drunk and abusive. She appealed to the Committee, and on its complaint a warrant was issued for the man's arrest; he was tried and committed to the Work House for 6 months. The Committee now propose to procure a legal separation for the wife, the case being clearly one justifying such action.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

ROB'T. W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, No. 35 Washington Place, corner Wooster St., Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

55 cases have been cared for during the month, of which 29 were new. 4 were placed in private institutions, 2 in City hospitals or asylums; relief was procured for 2, 1 was aided by a loan, permanent work was secured for 25, and temporary work for 14; 25 were rendered self-supporting, and 25 adequately helped by development of their own resources. 3 frauds were exposed.

The usual number and assortment of men and women needing employment are upon our lists, and residents of the district can aid the Committee materially by sending to the office for any household or other services required.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE. No. 315.—Twelve years since a young English woman married in this City privately. She was a dressmaker by trade, and had a flourishing business of her own; had \$1,500 in bank, and well-furnished if not elegant apartments. Her husband, a mechanic, lived a life of idleness, dissipated the money she earned, and finally, all she had saved. The furniture soon followed. Their four children were then stricken down with infectious disease, and the three oldest died within a week, leaving only the youngest, a nursing babe. The mother, worn out with long suffering, over-work and grief, gave out; the man abused her and sold and pledged her clothing, until in November, '83, she had no covering, or suitable apparel to go in the street with. The father then determined to take the remaining child from her, but by the advice of friends she summoned him to court, and asked for protection and support. He then and there denied being married to her, and the woman was unable to prove the marriage. The Court gave her the custody of the child, and he was bound over to keep the peace. The Committee finally determined to send the unhappy woman back to her English home, and the arrangements were about completed when the man again appeared, and begged her to marry him. This, she was very willing to do, and in March, 1884, they were united legally, before witnesses. He then found her suitable apartments, and since that time has provided for her in a comfortable way. She now says that during the past 12 years she has not experienced such peace and rest as is now her lot, the present bright, the future promising.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE,

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 31 cases taken up during November, 26 being new; also, 22 others examined and directed. 4 were placed in private institutions, relief was procured for 10, 1 was aided by a loan, on security; regular work was secured for 3, and temporary work found for 10; 2 have been made self-supporting, 1 has been emigrated where work was to be found, and 1 fraud has been suppressed.

Employment is wanted for 14 women for days work, 10 women to do washing at home, 2 seamstresses, 1 nurse, 11 men to tend furnaces or clean sidewalks, 4 large boys, and one boy of 13 anxious to learn a trade.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. No. 508.—A young woman of 24, with child of 5, deserted by her husband, and with her right arm paralysed, applied for relief. She was found in a wretched place, living with a mother too miserably poor to keep her. A physician of one of the Medical Colleges undertook, at our solicitation, to treat the disabled arm at the Clinics, and now writes "If she will persist in the treatment, she will be ultimately cured." Thus, through the kindly aid and skill of the physician, and without the expenditure of a dollar, this young woman has been saved from a pauper's life, and will soon be self-supporting.

No. 519.—A letter from the Associated Charities of Milwaukee gives the following facts:—

"A woman called at their office, in great distress, bringing a letter from her husband in New York, stating that after six months fruitless search for work he had given up in despair, being entirely destitute, and forced at times to seek shelter in a station house. The Agent for the Society writes: "The woman is about to be confined, and is nearly crazy on account of her husband. I have made inquiries in regard to this man's character, and have learned that he is a sober, honest, and industrious person, and the foreman of the machine shop, where he was formerly employed, has promised to give him work as soon as he arrives here. Can you possibly furnish transportation for this man from your City to Milwaukee?"

The man was found at the house of a countryman of his, and the story proved to be true in every particular.

Through the kindness of one of the Committee, work was found for the man, enabling him to pay part of the expenses of transportation, and with the kindly aid of the Children's Aid Society, he was sent home, within a week after the receipt of the letter. He has since written to express his sincere gratitude, and promises to return the remainder of the passage-money as soon as he is able.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 53 Third Avenue, FRANCIS S. LONGWORTH, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only**, in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During November 254 cases were dealt with, and 367 counselled and directed. There were 56 consultative cases. 9 persons were placed in hospitals and institutions, relief was procured for 51, regular work secured for 8, occasional work for 4, 3 were made self-supporting, 1 adequately helped by development, 1 emigrated to the care of relatives, 1 family was broken up, and 11 frauds were exposed.

Work is needed for 6 women at washing, 1 governess or teacher, 2 trained nurses; also, for 5 laborers, 7 watchmen or porters, 2 waiters, 1 elevator man, 4 drivers or coachmen, 2 book-keepers and 2 clerks.

CASE 84.—A colored family were in distress, owing to the illness of the man, who was in a hospital. There were 3 children, the oldest 8. Relief was obtained, and a careful investigation justified continued care. The man had been an employee on the "L" road, and bore an excellent character. The woman's work as a laundress supplemented his earnings, and the family had been provided for. Overwork had induced a six month's illness, and the man died. Work failed the widow, and had it not been for the timely interference of a Friendly Visitor, she would have despaired. Work of a suitable nature was found for the woman who proved competent. For a year and 2 months, constant supervision was exercised over the case by this kindly Visitor, and sufficient work always secured to make the family not only self-supporting, but placed in a position to pay debts incurred during the man's long illness, and the funeral expenses. The position of stewardess on board a coastwise steamer of a prominent line was secured for the woman, who was thus enabled not only to provide for her family, but to lay by the surplus of her earnings for possible future want. Had doles of relief been continually extended to this family instead of the intelligent assistance of the "friend in need," how different would have been their situation to-day. Verily, "not alms, but a friend."

An Englishman, in the United States but 15 months, earned money to send for his family, wife and 5 children, under 14 years of age. The family arrived three months ago, and found the man sick and out of work. He left his family destitute in this City, and went to relatives in Kansas, where he obtained good work. He had no money to send his wife, but could have a good home for his family with his relatives in Kansas if they could get there. The case was put in our care by a City missionary. Our Visitor found the woman sick, the whole family sleeping on the floor, with no bedding, no food, and owing two month's rent. Solicitation to the proper sources soon enabled us to send the family on, comfortably equipped and provided for the journey, under the care of a special Agent bound for the same vicinity.

PROFESSIONAL BEGGARS.

A woman, handsomely dressed in black, found begging from store to store, was arrested as an old, well-known offender. There was no need for her to beg, as well-to-do relations were cheerfully taking care of her; but her love of the excitement of begging was so strong; that, unknown to her friends she went out daily to solicit alms on the most fictitious pleas. She was sentenced to the City Prison for 6 months, by Justice Murray.

A man and wife, just arrived from Belgium, began business by having a tin sign painted, describing their 3 children as in a starving condition. They had no children, were strong and healthy, but unwilling to work. They are now doing duty at the Work-House.

Many wealthy men have recently received letters signed Henry Stine. He said he had been sent to State Prison in April, 1881, for five years for grand larceny. His term expired on November 19th. While in prison he said he became an expert shoemaker. His letter continued:—"I want to lead an honest life, but every man's hand is against me. I want work. I've been to Newark, and seen Mr. Knight, the foreman of one of the factories there. I told him my story, and he would give me work if I had the necessary tools." He asked for money to buy tools. Two of these letters were referred to the Society on the same day. The Court records being searched, told of one Stine's conviction and sentence, as stated; but the two letters, simultaneously, looked "professional." In one letter he said that he would call for an answer on the next night. Our special officer was deputed to meet him there; interviewed and then arrested him. At the station Stine said his real name was Joseph Phillips, that he was 25 years old, had never been at Sing Sing, but knew of Stine and assumed his name. He also had a key to a cipher in his pocket and letter heads of several hotels. He had been on the Island for six months for receiving stolen goods, but thought a State Prison convict would receive more sympathy, than only a Penitentiary one. He is a good-looking Hebrew, and collected considerable money through his letters. Justice O'Reilly sent him to the Island for three months.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Charity Organization Wood Yard, 429 East 25th St.,

is again opened. Members are requested to bear this in mind in ordering their fall supply, and thus assist the Society to apply a labor-test to applicants for relief. Virginia Pine Kindling Wood is for sale at \$4.00 per load, C. O. D., delivered and put in. Please order direct from the Yard by postal card.

The Special attention of Churches and Societies is called to the enclosed Circular relating to the Wood Yard.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

SPECIAL EMERGENCIES often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

WORK.—The Society strive to make *employment the basis of relief in every case* where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever *any kind of service* is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if statedly given, will often promote a case from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.

EX-CONVICTS.—It is not safe to deal with or assist any real or pretended ex-convicts, except by referring them (or better still, by *going with them*) to the Prison Association, No. 65 Bible House, or to the House of Industry and Refuge for discharged Convicts, 40 East Houston street, corner of Mott. Many falsely pretend to be convicts, because public sympathy is so deeply touched by the difficulties which this class encounter.

HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION MATRON.—A superior person for the position named may be reached by applying to the Society.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE BULLETIN may be had by those who have failed to receive them, by applying to the Organizing Secretary while the supply lasts.

N. B.—We are gratified to know that our *Monthly Bulletin* has proved helpful to our constituents and members, and has fulfilled, to so great a degree, its purpose in protecting them against unworthy so-called charitable enterprises, and against many of the most adroit professional beggars of the City. We however find that the expense attending this department necessitates our withholding the Bulletin from all who do not pay their Annual dues. We trust that the helpfulness of the Bulletin, added to the great value to the community, both rich and poor, of the general work of the Society, will induce every friend to renew their memberships, and thus enable the Society to fulfill its pledges to the public. After this number, the Bulletin will no longer be sent to any persons whose membership fees are more than 6 months overdue. The Society is confident that in its full registration, its facilities for investigation, the protection it affords, the assurance it gives of efficient treatment of the poor in its charge, and its present success in repressing mendicancy and in preventing the waste of charity, it offers much more than an equivalent for the cost of membership; and is as indispensable to the welfare of every household and to the whole community as any social or civic appliance among us. The present season imposes great labor upon the Society in the interest of the truest charity; and all its friends are earnestly requested to aid its Treasury in meeting its necessary expenses. Annual Memberships, \$10. Life Memberships, \$100, and upwards.